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THE selections from the COUNCIL REGISTERS of the BURGH of ABERDEEN, printed in the present volume, commence at that period of the national history, when, after the temporary repose which followed on the treaty of Ripon, the civil strife was again resumed in England, and the resources both of England and Scotland were united against the Royal authority under the banner of the Solemn League and Covenant.

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his sones, Mr Robert Farquhar, Walter Cochrum, Mr James Baird, aduocat in Edinbrugh, and diuerss vtheris covenanteris, wan vpone horss saif away. Aluayes Montroiss follouis the cheass in to Abirdene, leaving the bodie of his army standing cloiss vnbrokin whill his returne, except such Irishis as faucht the feild. He had promesit to them the plundering of the toun for thair good seruice. Aluaies the livetennand stayit not, bot returnit bak fra Abirdene to the camp this samen Frydday at nicht, leaving the Irishis killing, robbing, and plundering of this toune at thair plesour. And nothing hard bot pitifull hovlling, crying, weiping, mvrning, throw all the streittis.

Thus, thir Irishis contynewit Frydday, Setterday, Sonday, Mononday. Sum wemen thay preissit to defloir, and vther sum thay took perforce to serve thame in the camp. It is lamentabill to heir how thir Irishis who had gottin the spoyll of the toune did abuse the samen. The men that thay killit thay wold not suffer to be bureit, bot tirrit thame of thair clothis, syne left thair nakit bodeis lying aboue the ground. The wyf durst not cry nor weip at her husbandis slauchter befoir hir eyes, nor the mother for the sone, nor dochter for the father; whiche, if thay war hard, then thay war presentlie slayne also."*

This was only a prelude to a succession of invasions, quarterings, and exactions, of which detailed notices will be found in the present volume.

No sooner had Montrose left the town and marched northwards, "and as sorrowfull Aberdein is lamenting thair loissis efter Montroiss left the toun vpone the Mononday, thinking to get no moir vexatioun, thair cums in, vpone the Wednisday and 18th of September thairefter, certane of Argiles trovpis to Abirdene with sound of trumpet, and himself also cam to Drum," "ilk pairtie

* Memorialls of the Trubles in Scotland and in England 1624–1645, by John Spalding, vol. ii., p. 406. (Sp. Club Edit.)

herrying and destroying the countrie quhair euer thay cam in thair bestiall, nolt, scheip, ky, victuallis, and vtheris goodis." *

In the month of March of the following year, when another visit of Montrose was anticipated, Commissioners were sent to explain to him "the necessities, povertie, and indigence of this brughe, and to use all perswasive motives and arguments to disswade the inbringing of his army within this burghe" (p. 43). In the words of Spalding, the Commissioners "declairit the haill people, man and woman, throw plane feir of the Irishes, was fleing away, if his honour gave thame not assureans of saiftie and protectioun; who myldlie heird thir Commissioneris, and said he was sory at Abirdeins calameteis; alwayes forbad them to be feirit, for his foot army, quhairin the Irishes war, sould not cum neir Abirdein be aucht myllis; and if himself cam, he cravit nothing bot intertynnement upone his owne chargis."†

A letter to the marquis from one of the bailies in December of the same year, gives a sad account of the straits to which the town had been brought.

Baillie WILLIAM FORBES
to the MARQUIS of MONTROSE.

9th December 1645.

"Most noble lord,—In absence of our provest and remanent baillies, Thomas Mortimer, lait baillie, did delyver to me your lordships lettre, with the note thairin closit, and hee assisted the furnishing of all theise

* Spalding, vol. ii., pp. 413, 415. † Spalding, vol. ii., pp. 452–3.

conteinit in the ordours. Your lordships servand can testifie our endeavouris and earnest intentiones to satisfie your lordships desyre to the full: quhat wes possible to be haid for reddy money or moyen we have delyverit, conforme to the note heir inclosed. This toune is so exausted of all forren wairis, throw defect of commerce with England, France, and with the south, that sutche necessaris ar not for moyen or reddy money to be haid, yea, not so mutche as bootis or showis for any of our citizens, except of Scottishe barkett ledder of no worthe, nather ar our people curious to bring wairis home, be reasoune that dyveris trowpes on all sydis comes in, but ordouris, and takes sutche necessaris as they think fitting, and peyis ather nothing, or quhat they please, besydis the other insolencies and violence committed by them,—amongst the rest, one Alexr. Davidsone, sumtyme the Laird Drum his servand, did come heir the last weik, stayed thrie dayes with a trowpe of horse, brak wp the dooris of dyveris nichtbouris, and took one of our citizens, called Wm. Gardoch, a man of thriescoir sextein zeiris of aige, only for greed of money, altho he be ane mean man, quho can harme no body, keeped him a nicht in the tolbuith, and took him with him as prisoner, and keepis still in Tilliquhillie. We humlie entreat your lordship to give ordor for restoring of him to libertie, becaus of the prejudice that mey ensew to dyveris of our tounes men thairby. Thus, not doubting bot your lordship will be cairfull, so far as mey be, to prevein the prejudice that the poore toune mey sustein, by incuming of trowperis or foote sojoris, during your lordships being in the cuntrey, and, in your absence, to recommend the same cair of ws to the Marqueis of Huntly and the Lord Gordoune. I rest, evir as in dewtie oblidged,

Your lordships humble and devoted servand.

An earlier letter to the King, on the same subject, is worth quoting, as adding to the completeness of the picture.

Representation of the Toun's losses.

"Most sacred and dreid soueraine,—We, your humble subjectis and servandis of the bruche of Aberdein, do, by thais, remonstrat to your

sacred Majestie, that, quhair we for our dewtifull obedience and alledgance to your Majestie, as our true and lauchfull soueraine, haue sufferit and susteinet the domnadge and losses efter mentionat:—First, the Earles of Montrois, Marchall, Kinghorne, with many vther noble men, barronnes, and souldioris, to the number of sex thowsand men, hors and foot, or thairby, cumming to our townn in armes, with thair cannones, vnder the conduct of Generall Leslie, in March last, the haill foot souldioures, and many horsmen, the space of fyftein dayes, took frie quarteris of ws, compellit ws to fill vp our trinches vith our awin handis, dismounted our cannones, and remowed our catbandis. Secondlie, within schort space thairefter, the Earle Marshall, the Lord Fraser, and Maister of Forbes, with tualff hundreth men, took frie quarteris, by the space of four dayes. Thirdlie, the Gordounes, with the Laird of Bamff, cumming with ane thowsand men, hors and foot, haid thair intertaynnment frie of ws, by the space of aucht dayes. Fourthlie, the Earle Marshall, with the barrones in the Mearnes, in Maij last, vith ane thovsand men, hors and foot, took frie quarteris thrie dayes, befoir the cumming of the Earles of Montrois, Atholl, and Kinghorne, Lordis of Drummond, Cuper, Fraser, and Maister of Forbes, with thair forces, consisting all of the number of sex thowsand. The haill foot souldioris, with the maist pairt of the hors men, took frie quarteris by the space of four dayes. Lykas, at that time, they exactit from our toune ten thowsand merkis to give thair soldioures, and did tak avay our tualff peice of cannone, vith puder and ball, and all other furnitur perteining thairto, disarmed vs all of pykes, muiskatis, sourdis, corslettis, and particularly of fyw thowsand markes vorth of pykes, muskatis, coft from the Marques of Huntlie by vs, for our defence; and sicklyk, by thair bagadge horsses, and vther horsses of thair army, did eat and distroy the most pairt of the haill cornes about the towne, took our horsses to carry thair bagadge, and traill thair cannones, at everie occasioun. Fyftlie, the Earles of Montrois, Marshall, Kinghorne, and Lord Cuper, cuming, the 18th of June last, vith ane army of four thowsand men, or thairby, with great ordinances and feild peices, strywing to enter our bridge of Dee, war opposet by my Lord of Aboyne, and of the toun of Aberdein, the horsmen keiping the feildis and foordis, vith Cornvell Gun, and our muskateires, led on by Liwtenant Cornvall Johnestoun for defending the bridge, was assaulted from Tuysday at sevein houres in the morning, till

Vednesday, at fyw houres in the eveining, by continowall shoot of great cannon, feild peices, and muisketis, till at last the porch of the brige being battered doun vith the great cannon, was forced to reteir, quhair we lost four of our citecens quho war killed, and sundrie vtheris hurt, besyds Johne Seattoun of Pitmeddin, quho was killed of the gentrie. Thair army than entering the toun, quhair they tuik frie quarteris by the space of thrie dayes; and, albeit your Majesties letters, tuiching the peace, cam to our handis vpon the morn efter thair entrie to the toune, and war presented by vs to thame; and that they receavit letters to the sam purpos from thair awin commissionares; nevertheless, thairefter they exactit from vs sex thowsand merkis for hindring thair soldiouris vnplundred our toune, althocht great many of vs war plundred by thair vnrewly sojures. Lykas, they evir hinder our salmond fishing, being the heid tyme thairof, and spolzeit all the fishes that war slaine, so that, by forsedis vronges, many of our commones ar put to beggarie, and we ar damnifiet aboue the sowme of tua hundreth thowsand merkis, Scotis money, quhilk wilbe about alevin or tuallff thowsand pundis, sterling money, at thair departure. Besyds all this, the nobilitie, at thair first cumming till Aberdein, maid choys and nominat four of our tounes men (quhom they esteimed most avers from thair coursis) to be sent to attend thair tables at Edinburgh, quhair at thair cumming they, with some vther of our tounes men of the best sort, to the number of thirttie-tua personnes, as alledgit ringleadderis, war fyned in the sowme of fourtie-ane thowsand and nyne hundreth merkis; and our saidis four commissionares war confyned by the space of fyve weikes, and thairefter put in prisone within the tolbuith of Edinburgh, till the saidis sowmes sould be peyed; and war forced to give band vith William Gray, bailzie of Edinburgh, thair cautionar, for reentrie of thair persones in vard, the first day of July, or than to vnderlye thair censure, and obey thair injunctiones; quhilk band yeit standis ouer thair headis. Beseiking, heirfor, your Majestie to tak to your royall consideratioun the premisses, and out of the deipnes of your royall wisdome, to prouyd some meanes for reparatioune of our former losses and daminadge susteinet, vthervayes we, your Majesties loyall subjectis, ar altogither vndone and ruinat.

The poore petitioneris most humblie pray your sacred Majesties gracious and tender consideration of the premisses, and that

your Majestie wilbe graciouslie pleased to tack such course, and give such order touching the same, for reparation of thair losses so susteaned in your Majesties service; and for thair securitie from indempnitie in tyme cumming, as to the profunditie of your royall Majesties great wisdome shall seme most expedient, for preservation of the poore petitioneris, your highnes' humble and loyall subiectis, from vtter ruyne; and, as in humble duetie bund, thay shall daylie pray for your Majesties long and prosperous regne, in health, honour, and happienes." *

The daily disbursements by the Treasurer of the Burgh, during a year of trouble and alarm, are of special interest in attempting to realize the condition of society,—and the following selections from his accounts for 1644–1645, will be found useful in that view, as well as for their bearing on the entries from the Council Registers.

Discharge, 1644–1645.

Item, to George Wilsone, post, to go to the Marques of Argyle witht the lettres to Spey, whair his lordschip was for the tyme, 1 lib. 10s.

Item, sent to the Marques of Argyle, than at Fyvie, for wyne and bread, as the warrand beares, 88 lib. 1s. 4d.

Item, to James Robertsone and Alex^r Black, for two horse hyres, to visite the marches, 1 lib. 10s.

Item, to Mr William Moir, lait bailzie, commissionar appoyntit be the counsall to go south for the professor quhilk sould haue come to our tounes colledge, to mak his charges, 50 lib. 13s. 4d.

Item, to Johne Gillespie his mariners, for watching the English catche that came from Newcastell, being suspect of the plague, 1 lib. 4s.

Item, advanced to the Lowthian regiment, at the bailzies command, 1333 lib. 6s. 8d.

Item, to Capitane Wallace of the chancellaris regiment, for ane hun-

* Memorialls of the Trubles, vol. ii., pp. 487, 497. (Sp. Club Edit.)

dreth men that was on the watche that night, euerie man thrie shillings, commandit be baillie Mortimer and baillie Jaffray, 15 lib.

Item, the said night, to Lievtenant Douglas, of the Lowthian regiment, for two hundreth men, at thrie shillings the man, is 30 lib.

Item, for ten nights' candle to their courtis of guard, being four pund weight of candle nightlie, 9 lib.

Item, to George Wilsone, to go to Bucky, to Generall Major Hurrie, witht letters, 1 lib. 6s. 8d.

Item, to Thomas Nicoll, to go to the brig witht letters to the said generall major, 1 lib. 16s.

Item, to Robert Smith, post, to go witht letters to Generall Major Hurrie, than at Buckie, 2 lib. 8s.

Item, to Andro Fowlar, post, to go with letters to Buckie, 2 lib. 14s. 8d.

Item, to Thomas Lindsay, for tua bollis and ane half corne to my Lord Aboyns horss, 14 lib. 3s. 4d.

Item, spent in Dauid Sinclair his hous, with Sir James Melvill, the bailzies being present, at the making of him burges, as the particular compt beiris, 13 lib. 15s. 8d.

Item, to William Nicolsone, post, to go with letters to Cragivar, 18s.

Item, to Godisman, post, to go with letters to Mr Robert Petrie, 6s.

Item, spent in Dauid Sinclaris, with Thomas Fyiff, generall quarter maister to Crawfurd Lindsayes armie, with the provest and bailzies, 2 lib. 3s. 4d.

Item, to Provest Leslie's wyiff, quhilk Bailie Mortimer borrowed from hir to give a poast, 12s.

Item, to James Crowne, quhilk he advanced to Johne Shippert for carying of letters to Lievtennant Generall Bailie, 6s.

Item, to Patrik Young, for tuo horse hyre to Provest Farquhar and his man to the milnes of Drwm, to Crawfurd and Bailzie, 2 lib.

Item, to Andro Gray, post, to go with letters to the Erll of Crawfurd, 2 lib. 8s.

Item, to Eduard Raban, for printing the theases to the new colledge of Aberdein, 10 lib.

Item, to Johne Andersones wyff in Torrie, for intertaineing souldiours to hold aff the men that came in the Inglish catche, quhilk cam from Newcastell, suspect of the plague, 5 lib. 8s.

Item, to Thomas Dauidsone, maister of the musick scoole, for setting wp his loiss he susteines for discharging of lyk wakis, 53 lib. 6s. 8d.

Item, according to the bailzies ordour, send to Alex^r Grahame of Cairney, generall quarter maister to Montroiss armie, thrie ellis Spanish tafetie, at seavin punds the ell, is 21 lib.

Item, at the bailzies command, to Mr Andro Guthrie, ane Frenche blak hatt, 6 lib. 13s. 4d.

Item, to the said Mr Andro, sexteine dusson pear knap silk buttons, at fyve shillings the dusson, is 4 lib.

Item, to him, ane deami beaver, 12 lib.

Item, to him, threttie aucht ellis of blak ribbons, at 6s. the ell, is 11s. 8d.

Item, to him, sex drop blak silk, 12s.

Item, two pair wovin whyt shankis to him, at threttie shillings ye pair, 3 lib.

Item, to him, ane pair spurris, 18s.

Item, to Patrick Horrie, for furnishing and making of his cloathes, according to his compt, 10 lib. 7s.

Item, to ane poast, to go to Liklihead, according to warrand, and bringing ane ansuer, 12s.

Item, ye comptar oght to be dischargit of the soume of fourtie punds, for Eduard Raban's house maill quhilk he occupyes, 40 lib.

Item, to Robert Smith, for tuo rim of paper for Montroiss use, 7 lib. 6s. 8d.

Item, to Johnne Galloway, yonger, for tuo rim to him, 7 lib. 6s. 8d.

Item, send to Montroiss campe, aucht pyntis and ane choppein of Spanish wyne, at tuentie four shillings the pynt, is 10 lib. 4s.

Item, send to him, four pyntis and ane choppein acquauitie, at threttiie shillings the pynt, is 6 lib. 15s.

Item, for the courtasie givin in the counsallhous to my Lord Aboyne, for wyne, confectiones, and vther pertinentis, as the particular compt bearea, 64 lib. 6s.

Item, delyvered to the Futtie men, for transportings of the Lowthian regiment, thair baggage and ammunition, to the raid, 5 lib. 6s. 8d.

Item, to Adame Gordone, for buying oates to Capt. Mortimer's troupe, 5 lib. 10s. 8d.

Item, for the burdens of strae, 7s.

Item, to Alex^r^ Williamsone, for all, fourtie shillings, and in pairt of payment of his bread, vther fourtie shillings, is, in all, 4 lib.

Item, to Gilbert Andersone, to give for aittis to give to Captane Drummonds troup, 2 lib. 13s. 4d.

Mair, for a post to go to our ministers, 1 lib. 6s. 8d.

Item, to tuo postis for going to Kintor at tuo seuerall tymes, 16s.

Item, to the generall quarter maister, for quartering the sojouris in the tolbuith, 26 lib. 13s. 4d.

Item, to the vnder quarter maister, for ane supper and dinner to the guard at the bridge of Dee, 16 lib.

Mair, to him for his paines, 5 lib. 12s. 8d.

Item, to Captane Mortimer, for meat that his trowpt inlaikit for want of quarters, 18 lib. 13s. 4d.

Item, for mending the tua lockis of the studie doir, and latron in the clerkis chalmer, 8s.

Item, givin out to postes, at direction of the bailies, 2 lib.

Item, to Gilbert Hervie, elder, which he depurst for sending a gyde witht postis at your directioune, 1 lib. 4s.

Item, to Dauid Sinclairis wyfe, at direction of the bailzies, for dyvers lawyngs, 33 lib. 2s. 4d.

Mair, to the relict of Mr Alex^r^ Reid, at thair directioun, 10 lib. 13s. 4d.

Mair, to Dauid Sinclairis wyfe, at the bailzies directioun, 1 lib. 10s.

Mair, for ane post to Dunnotter, at thair directioun, 12s.

Mair, for ane post to go to the Laird of Skeyne, 12s.

Mair, for ane rod givin to Gilbert Andersone, at direction of baillie Mortimer, 1 lib. 4s.

Item, to the burrowes post who brought the missive, 1 lib. 6s. 8d.

Item, to Andro Gray, post, to go to Cowy, 12s.

Item, to James Murray, sojour, to buy him breeches in Henrie Duns house, 1 lib. 4s.

Item, to Johne Leslie, for going to Sklaittie, 4s.

Item, for our denner in Dauid Sinclaris, with sume officiars, 8 lib. 8s. 4d.

Item, in Hendrie Dunes, efternoon, with generall quarter maister Grahame, 17s.

Item, for Colonell Gordones denner in Henrie Dunes, and vther gentlemen, 17 lib. 6s. 8d.

Item, at Bailie Mortimers command, to Gilbert Leslie, for ane rubbor for aquavitey, 14s.

Item, to Dauid Sinclaires wyff, for sir Williame Rollocks denner, 10 lib. 5s. 8d.

Item, to Alex^r Willeamesone, baxter, conforme to the provest and baillies warrand, 44 lib. 13s. 4d.

Item, to Dauid Sinclares wyff, for Frenche wyne, beir, and whyt bread for the Lord Gordounes buriall, 17 lib.

Item, in Gilbert Leslies house efter supper, 4s.

Item, in Henrie Dunes at quartering, 9s.

Item, to Adamsone of Fleuires, for preserving Bailie Moiris house, 106 lib. 13s. 4d.

Item, for ane pynt aill to the said Adamsone, in Isobell Lorimers house, 2s.

Item, spent in Dauid Sinclairis, with Nathaniell Gordone and Capitan Mortimer, 5 lib. 14s. 8d.

Mair, with them and vther gentlemen ther followers, 4 lib. 13s.

Item, to ane post that broght letters anent James Gibsones ship, 6s.

Item, for wyne and tubacco with Foveran in Hendrie Dunes, 5 lib. 11s. 8d.

Item, for a post to go with Aboynes orders, 4s.

Item, spent with sir Wm Rollok, and the baillies and vthers present, 3 lib. 8s. 4d.

Item, spent in Dauid Sinclaris, with Minimoir and vthers, 5 lib. 16s.

Item, for tuentie sex fathome of towes to buckle Lowdovicks wyne, 1 lib. 14s. 8d.

Item, to Annand, as ane cleanger, 6s.

Item, to Porlethins man for cariage of ane letter, 6s.

Item, to Thomas Paipis wyff for ane denner to young Fetterneir, and for wyne to the Lord Gordones buriall, 11 lib. 6s.

Item, to George Wilsone, post, for carying the Lord Aboynes letter to the Erle Marshaell, 12s.

Item, to Dauid Sinclaris wyiff, and Wm Andersone, stabler, for arbothie quarters, 32 lib. 19s. 8d.

Item, to Grisall Straquhan, for ane pynt of seck to Harthill and Mr Andro Cant, his prisoner for the tyme, 1 lib. 6s. 8d.*

Some of the entries in the present volume relate to a circumstance in the stormy history of the Marquis of Montrose, which may be referred to as an illustration of the vicissitudes of the time.

After the execution of this great captain, his body was dismembered, and one of his hands was sent to Aberdeen to be stuck up on the Justice Port. When the visit of Charles II. to the burgh took place in June 1650, on his southward journey from Speymouth, this memorial of a barbarous policy met his view, and must have suggested to him some melancholy recollections and forebodings. It is said that the hand was taken down at this time and interred in the Church of St Nicholas; but it was not to be always left to neglect, for in February 1660 we find that at the request of the son of the Marquis, the hand was removed from its resting-place in the church with much pomp and formality,—the magistrates having ordered that the inhabitants should be convened, and march in

* Miscellany of the Spalding Club, vol. v., p. 162.

procession with them to the church for taking up the hand, "and that the samen be takin wp and put in ane coffin, to be coverit with ane reid crimpsone velvet cloth, and caried be Harie Grahame, son to the laird of Morphye, from the church doun the Broad Street to the touns publict hous, with sound of trumpet and beat of drum, ther to be keepit under custodie of the magistrats in the high counsellhous, till such tyme as order suld be sent for transporting theroff, and appoints the inhabitants to discharge ther guns and shoot vollies at and about the mercat crose at ther comeing thervnto, and delyverie of the said member to the magistrats" (p. 196).

On 30th March 1661, the second Marquis of Montrose wrote to the magistrates in the following terms:—

Right honourable,—Being informed by your commissioner and his ascessor that yee have, witht much solemnitie, reased that member of my fathers, which was erected in your cittie by the comand of some barbarous and disloyall persons pretending the authoretie of a parliament. I have urett this to returne you manie heartie thanks, and, withall, to assure you that I have a most reall recentment of that action, quherby ye have not onlie testefied your constant adherance to his Majesties service, bot also have, in a verie singular maner, wittnessed your respects to the memorie of him quho was your faithfull freind, and have lykvays putt a verie high obligation upon,

Your most affectioned friend and servant,

MONTROSE.

Edr., 30th March, 1661.

I shall desyre ye will be plesed to deliver that member to the lairds of Morphie and Fintrie, or to anie having ther warrant, for I have writt to them theranent.

Ffor the right honourable the lord provest, balzies, and toune counsell of Aberdeine.

This was followed by a letter from the Laird of Morphie, as follows:—

Morphie, the 9th of Apryll, 1661.

Right honorabill,—The Marquess of Montross hath writen to me of laite, showing that he hath sent yow a letter of thankes for the great respectes ye hawe wittnessed to him towardes the raising of that member of his fatheres that was erected in your towne, and that he hes desyred of yow that it may be delywered to the laird of Fentrie or my selfe, or to anie hawing our warrant, quhairfoir I hawe directed this bearer to yow for that effect, to whom ye will be pleased to cause delywer the samen. I hawe noe moir to adde for the tyme, sawe that I ame, and do subscrywe my selfe,

Yours verie humbill serwant,

A. GRÆME, of Morphie.

For the right honorabill the prowest, baillzies, and counsaill of Aberdeine:—Thess.*

The hand was taken by him to Edinburgh, and was, with the other dispersed members, deposited at Holyrood House; after which, the remains of the body which had been treated with such indignity, were interred in the Cathedral Church of St Giles with circumstances of unusual solemnity and magnificence.

A good many notices occur in the present volume of the well-

* Miscellany of the Spalding Club, vol. v., pp. 385, 386.

known Mr Andrew Cant, one of the town's ministers, exhibiting the fluctuations of his fortunes; the first of these represent him in a position of power and influence, and the last show its complete collapse.

On 1st August 1640, Cant, then minister at Newbottle, had been chosen to succeed Dr James Sibbald, as one of the ministers of Aberdeen. In October of that year, he wrote to the magistrates that he could not undertake the charge until he was discharged from his attendance on the army, and he adds, "It is but a cold encouragement to desire me to writt unto my friends for provyding house and fewell. Such employments were never putt upon me any where else." *

After his coming to Aberdeen, he made himself obnoxious to the loyalists by his active and influential share in the Covenanting councils. Alexander Jaffray, provost of Aberdeen, a prominent member of the same party, records a curious adventure which befel him and Mr Cant, when they were both taken prisoners by the young Laird of Harthill, and kept by him in the house of Pitcaple under charge of Petrie Leith, the uncle of their captor.† Sir James Balfour has preserved a story of Cant, which, while it shows his influence with the covenanting leaders, makes us aware of one of the avenues by which its exercise could be secured.

* From the original, printed in Spalding's Memorialls, vol. ii., p. 483. (Spald. Club).
† Diary of Alexander Jaffray, by Barclay, p. 25. Lond.: 1834.

A Merrey Jest.*

"About the latter end of this past winter, ather in the end of Februarij, or beginning of Marche, this zeire, Mr Robert Farquer, in Aberdeine, being fallin in dislyke with the Campbells and present gouernours, for hes agility in the lait expeditione to England, being then comissarey for the northe shyres, was now called to ane accompte, and summond to Edinburghe for that end. He was grately perplexed, fearing that if he came in ther handes, without some holy recomendatione, *per expressum*, notwithstanding the naturall drynesse of hes lancke leane bodey, zet they would so squisse him with ther skrewes, so longe as they could perceaue aney comfortable juce in him, that heirafter he wold looke rather lyke one thunder slaine, than a liuing creture. Bot he, a sutle craftie fellow, hauing wex'd himselue a long tyme quhat coursse to take, to euitt the racke and gins layed for him, at last bethinks himselue of one way of addresse, as the moste assurid of all otheres, wich was thus:—

"The tyme of his compirance at Edinbrughe drawing neire (for he behoued to take iorney one Monday) causses, aganist Sunday at night, hes wyffe make good cheire, and sendes a particular confident of his to Mr Androw Cant, the minister of Aberdein (one quhosse northerly motion had a werey grate influence one the south, he knowing Arcana Imperij) to invitt him to supper. He refusses to come once, tuyce; at last, Mr Robert resolues with himselue to haue him at aney rait, and furthwith goes to his house himselue, and werey earnistly, in submissiue and humble termes, intreatts him to lett him be honoured with hes companey at supper. The minister refusses, in respecte of the coldnes of the night; he still vrges him to goe, and he should find ane sure antidote for aney cold. At last being ouercome by Mr Roberts importunty, he goes home with him (all this tyme it is obseruable how he cald him no wther but still Master Robert) and being sett by the fyre, and made werey velcome, Mr Robert goes to his closet, and brings to the hall a goune of blacke veluett, lyned with martrickes, and wold haue Mr Androw putt it one, wich, with small intrettey he did (therafter, in all his discoursea, he calls him ather prouest or comissary, and not Mr Robert). So hauing supt, and made a plentifull meall, and being againe sett by the fyre, Mr Robert asks the

* Historical Works of Sir James Balfour, vol. iii., pp. 427-430.

minister, if he had aney seruice to command to Edinburghe, for he was citted to appeir ther befor the parliament, to make hes accompts, and therfor besought Mr Androw that he wold recommend him to some of his most confident frinds, wich he promissed to doe. At last, bed tyme drawing neire, Mr Androw rysses to be gone, and wold haue castin off the goune; bot Mr Robert intreatted him not to doe so, nor wrong him that farr, in respecte he had brought him from his auen varme housse in so cold and rigid a night, to pertake of so homly fair, for no other end bot to bestow that chamber goune one him, as befitting his age and grauity, wishing it had beine better for his causse; bot such as it was, he humbley intreatted him to accept of it, as ane assurance and tokin of hes loue and affection to him, wich Mr Androw did without more ceremoneis. So Mr Robert did accompaney him home, with his goune one his shoulders, and at pairting, Mr Androw told him he should not doe weill to goe without his letters. He said he wold not. To morrow he got his letters, one to Argyle, ane vther to Lothean, and the 3d to the Register, Warrestone, with 2 to some ministers, wich made him velcome to Edinburghe, and afterwardes to dance about that fyre (wich, as he fearid) should, if not burned him, zet at lest scalded him verey sore. This historey I had from a werey confident and intrinsicke frind of Mr Robert's, quho had it from his auen mouthe, and told it to me, the 10 of Sept: 1649. M. I. M.

The notices now printed, show that the magistrates had come into conflict with Mr Cant on the subject of "certaine innovationes and practices which did much stumble and offend the people," and which had been introduced into the congregation by him. These, among other things, related to his regulations for admitting people to the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, by which none could be admitted unless they offered themselves for trial as to their qualifications. The magistrates deputed Mr Robert Burnet, advocate, to inform Mr Cant of their objections to his scheme, who reported that "Mr Andro his answer wes, that he wold continew

his practice in examenating and admitting non to the sacrament but such as wold offer themselues to be tryit be his elders, conforme to his present maner."

In a subsequent appeal by the magistrates to the Presbytery, they describe the effect of Mr Cant's scheme to be, that "all are to be debarrit that out of conscience cannot give way to thes innovatiounes; or that out of modestie and bashfulness dar not proclamme themselues righteous, and blusches to offer themselues to be pronuncit blameles be others, yea, happily some poor trembling creature, tho precious in the Lords sicht, who possiblie wold hazard in the throng to touch the hem of his garment, not daring to ventur on this practicall inquisitioune, sall ly still in its issue." "Yea, the said Mr Androw haueing oftin tymes professit he will neuer giue the communioun otherways, all and whatsumeuer, tho haueing already offerit, and haueing bein admittit, alse oft as Mr Andro sall please to celebrat the sacrament, must submit themselves ewrie tyme to this kynd of tryall and practice, for anything we know singular and not consisting with anie sort of governement."

When the appeal came before the Presbytery in May 1656, the court judged it expedient in the first place to "essay ane amicable composure of the differences," and appointed a committee of their number to confer with the parties. They were requested to attend a meeting of the committee in the afternoon, and two of the brethren

having been sent to Mr Andrew, he informed them that he was content to attend the conference.

When the meeting took place, however, neither Mr Andrew nor any of his session appeared, and "whill as thie assemblie was goeing about the trying of that mater in a most sober, peaceable, and tender way, they werr commanded peremptorily by ane officiar from the [English] commander-in-chiefe within the toune, to desist from medling any more in that business, or otherwise to rise, upon which motion thie assemblie waved thie business, and layd it asyde to a more convenient tyme."*

At this time Mr Cant's word was all-powerful; and on the occasion of the disputed call to Mr John Paterson to be one of the ministers of Aberdeen, the session endeavoured to hinder it, on the ground that "our reverend pastor, Mr Andrew Cant, haveing resolvit nevir to give the said Mr Jhonne the right hand of fellowshipe as minister of Aberdeine, neither will the sessione, in this caice, consent to anie whose incoming to the place may be greevous to the present incumbents, especiallie to that old reverend man who has servit faithfullie in the ministrie so long."†

In 1660 the complexion of affairs had changed, and a complaint was brought before the council against Mr Cant, in connection with "ane treasonable and seditious book in English, callit *Lex Rex*, stuffit with no les treasone and rebellion than ane serpent full of

* Ecclesiastical Records of Aberdeen, pp. 232, 233. (Spald. Club.) † *Ibid.* p. 152.

poysone." This book having been found in possession of one of the council, was directed to be destroyed; "yet, nevertheless, Mr Andro Cant, upon the last Lord's day, did publictly, in his sermon to their honors hearing, vindicat and declair that the author of the said book was ane holy, learnit, gracious, and pious man as euer this natioun brought furth, and did most unchristianly utter cursses and imprecatiouns against the compleeners, viz., God rub shame upon them, and to set his mark upon them, which he declarit to be his prayers in privat, and calling us villains and actors of villanies' (pp. 189, 190).

But the time had passed for such proceedings, and Mr Cant, no doubt, finding that his position could not be longer maintained, soon afterwards abandoned his charge, and "removit himselff, with his wyff, familie, goods and geir, to the south." He did so without having made any arrangement with the magistrates, and having failed to give satisfaction to the baillies, who were sent to ascertain his intentions, orders were given for instituting proceedings against him before the presbytery (p. 191).

Many other incidents will be found in the present volume illustrative of the disjointed state of the social fabric. Of these the most striking is the capture and imprisonment of the provost and three leading burgesses of Aberdeen, by Sir John Gordon of Haddo and other cavaliers. We may again quote from the picturesque pages of the contemporary chronicler, whose royalist sym-

pathies, in this case, were overpowered by his fidelity to the "brave" town, "thus disgraced and brought to shame."

"Vpone Tuysday, the 19th of Marche, the young Laird Drum, Robert Irving, his brother, the Laird of Haddoche, the Laird of Geicht, the Laird Tibbertie, the Laird Schethin, the goodman of Ardlogie, Major Nathaniell Gordoun, his brother, the goodman of Iden, with sum vtheris, about thrie scoir horss, about sevin houris in the morning, cam gallopping throw the Oldtoun to New Aberdein, and suddantlie took Prouest Leslie, Mr Robert Farquhar, Alexander Joffray, lait ballies, and Johne Joffrey, deane of gild, his brother, out of thair houssis, had thame to Skipper Andersonis houss. It is said thair wes plunderit out of Alexander Joffreyis houss sum gold ringes and chanes, bot gat litle money. Thay mist Mr Alexander Joffrey, for he wes not in the toun. Thay plunderit the Laird of Pittodreis sadill horss, ane vther fra Ritmaister Morray, seruitour to the Lord Gordoun, and four vther horssis wes plunderit fra ritmaisteris. Thairefter thay go to horss schortlie, and cumis bak throw the Oldtoun, about 10 houris in the morning, with thair four captives; and, but bo to thair blanket, thay rode doun throw the Gallowget, and cam bak wp throw the Gallowget, none daring to say it wes evill done. Suirlie it is to be markit the like seldome hes bein sein, that so few men so pertlie and publictlie sould haue disgraceit sic a brave brughe, by taking away thair prouest, and the rest men of not, without ony kynd of contradictioun or obstacull. Aluais thay ar brocht throw the Oldtoun, quhair the Laird of Haddoche takis his young barnis at the scool hame behind sum of his seruandis, and send thame back vpone the morne, except his eldest sone. Thay ryde throw the Loch wynd, drinkis in Kintor, and lodgis all night at Leggitsden; and vpone the morne, being Wednisday, were had to Strathbogie.

"The Marques left the four captives at Strathbogie, and wes transportit thairfra to Auchindoun vpone the second day of Aprile, viz.: Prouest Leslie, Mr Robert Farquhar, Alexander and Johne Joffreyis. The old goodman of Birkinburne wes capitane, who, with sextein soldieris, keipit the houss and captives bothe vpone thair expenssis; so that thay not onlie sustenit thame selfis, bot also this capitane, sextene soldiouris, porteris, cookis, and vther inferiour officiares, vpon thair own charges and expenssis, richt efter the same ordour as the Marquess himself was vsit

in the castell of Edinburgh, as ye haue, folio ; and so he could not be blameit justlie, to do as him self wes done to. The Marques gave strait ordour that no wrong suld be done within the Newtoun nor Oldtoun, but leive wpone thair awin expenssis and wages."*

The miseries of the time were filled up by a visitation of plague, which carried off large numbers of the citizens. The precautions for warding off infection, and the jealous watching of the town, are described in several entries. The ordinary meetings of the council were interrupted for several months, and the meeting for electing councillors was held in the outskirts of the town (pp. 51, 81, 85).

In the midst of this visitation, however, the attention of the magistrates was directed to the "malignants" of the burgh, and they were requested by Mr Cant and his colleagues, to prepare a list of them, and "to take order with the many whoredoms and abominations in the citie, speciallie of tapsteris" (pp. 83, 84.)

We may perceive, from some of the entries, how difficult it was to root out old customs. Notwithstanding many previous fulminations against abuses at lykewakes and funerals, we find that the "tolling of bells at funerals, and laying of the beir and mortcloths on the graves of deceasit persons" survived, and that the services of the doctor of the music school, and of readers, for singing and reading at lykewakes, with the use of "droges and deserts," were still required. All these customs were of new denounced in 1643;

* Spalding's Memorialls of the Trubles, vol. ii., pp. 324, 330.

but twelve years afterwards, it appears that the "foresaids abusses are peice and peice creiping in againe within this toune" (pp. 5, 173).

Offence was taken through the burial of the Laird of Drum's daughter at night, with several superstitious ceremonies (p. 268): but people were permitted still to burn incense or perfume at the interment of their friends so late as 1705, on payment of a fee to the master of kirkwork (p. 333).

Burials within the church were denounced and prohibited, as also those who "hing pinsells, or affix brods, honours, or armes, or maks any suchlyke monuments to the honour or remembrance of any deceased persone, upon walls or wther places within the kirk quhair the publict worship of God is exercised." Yet, within six years, permission was given for funerals in the church on payment of certain dues (pp. 77, 134).

We get a glimpse of prison economy from some of the entries. The frequency of the escapes of prisoners out of jail is remarkable. Thus we hear of the escape of Lord Frendraught, Francis Irvine of Hilton, and James Gordon, brother of the Laird of Aradoull. Mr Irvine, with other prisoners, broke "the upper part of the pend of said Tolbuith and chamber wherin they wer, and made ane holl, by taking out certane of the keystanes thereof, and came down to the laich Tolbuith by ane tow, and broke open the eistmost dore of the said Tolbuith, and escaped." This escape was especially disagreeable to the council, in respect that "the said pend wes never before

brockin, nether any such way of escape fallin upon by any of the prisoners," that the necessary repairs would be very expensive, and that the town had been "affronted and abused by this action." The town's serjeants were exhorted to increased diligence in watching the jail, and to "abstaine from all extraordinarie drinking, or any other thing whatsumeuer which may imped or withdraw them from thair duetie" (pp. 285, 286).

A complaint, previously made against the sheriff, for slowness in administering justice on persons "attachit be him in the shyre for malefices," seems to provide an excuse for occasional escapes, as it is there alleged that through the delays of the sheriff the prisoners "both starvit for hunger, and sometimes were necessitat to break prisone for ther releife" (p. 276).

Notwithstanding many previous ordinances for compulsory attendance on the church services, it would appear that they had not been much observed by the inhabitants, all classes of whom are accused of "great abuse and prophanation of the Lord's day, occasioned be the frequent vaiging thairin of many of the inhabitants of all sorts and ranks." They were again enjoined to repair to their parish kirks, both in the forenoon and afternoon, under pecuniary penalties; and, with the view of carrying out the enactment, "captanes" were appointed each Sunday for taking up the names of transgressors (p. 76).

The magistrates occasionally appointed days of public humi-

liation and fasting to be observed. The ordinary causes were "the gret lowsnes and profanitie that is among persones of all rankes within the burghe." On two occasions there was added, "the want of the ordinances, and ministers to administer the samen," "speciallie of the Lord's Supper, which tho ane necessarie and commandit duetie to be done in remembrance of the Lord's passioun, yit, for sindrie yeirs not so much as sein in the place, nor injoyit by any whatsomeuer, which is conceavit to be much occasioned by the long vacancie of the ministrie heir;" and all their previous endeavours to obtain ministers having failed, it was stated that they had "thought fitt to separat and appoint ane publict day of fasting and humiliation of the haill inhabitants of this burgh for confessing the guiltines of the place and deprecating the Lord's wrath, and for supplicating that yit the Lord wold be pleasit to assist and direct us in that necessarie and great busines, that we may fall on such persones as may be men of the Lord's richt hand, and according to his heart" (p. 177).

The election which ensued fell on Mr John Paterson, minister of Ellon, and Mr George Meldrum, one of the professors in Marischal College. The result was, at all events, very unsatisfactory to Mr Cant, who, as we have seen, had declared, in regard to Mr Paterson, that he was "resolvit nevir to give the said Master Jhonne the right hand of fellowshipe."*

* Ecclesiastical Records of Aberdeen, p. 152.

Repeated instances occur in the volume of the magistrates' appreciation of literary work. Thus, Mr John Row, who had "set furth ane Hebrew Dictionar," and dedicated it to the council, was to receive 400 merks (p. 9). Mr William Douglas, professor of divinity in Old Aberdeen, prepared for the press "ane litle book callit *Psalmodia Ecclesiastico-Divina Vindicata*," and having dedicated it to the provost, baillies, and council, they contributed the cost of printing and binding it (p. 165). Mr John Forbes, stationer, having printed certain musical songs, and dedicated the same to the council, received 100 merks for his pains (p. 206). Mr John Menzies, professor of divinity, having resolved to dedicate to the council an account of the polemical dispute between him and a Jesuit, they agreed to print and publish the same at their own charges (p. 248).

Mr James Gordon, minister of Rothiemay, having delineated "on a meikle cairt of paper this burghe and fredome and other pairts adjacent neir therto," and delivered the same to the council, it was resolved to present to him a silver cup weighing 20 ounces, to buy a silk hat for himself, and "ane silk goun to his bedfellow" (p. 200). Subsequently he received £20 sterling for his description of the plan (p. 206).

In 1657 the council directed the above Mr John Forbes to sell a "weekly diurnal" for the use of the inhabitants (p. 165); and in answer to a supplication given in by him against "merchands

and chopmen who brocht from the south pamphlets and litle books which he could affoord at as easie ane rait as they did sell the samen," they ordained that no one should presume hereafter to do so, with a special rebuke to Alexander Gray, who had brought home about 1000 "prognostications" or almanacks.

Mr Forbes received another reward of £100 Scots for "ane musick book for instructione of youth, printed and sett out by him," but on his proceeding to print a book "put out by the Quakers," the council siezed on the sheets; and when he ventured to print a pamphlet "reflecting upon some phisicians and chirurgeons in the said burghe," they ordained the printer to be "convenit and rebouked, as having done the same without any authoritie, and withal that in tyme comeing he print no pamphlets or books without the magistrats and councells authoritie therto, and inspection taken therof" (pp. 245, 294, 302, 303).

In 1667 a foot post was established between Aberdeen and Edinburgh, to be despatched from the latter place on Tuesday and Thursday, and from the former on Wednesday and Friday. The conditions of the contract entered into afford a curious contrast with the arrangements of the present day (p. 235).

The introduction of Quakerism into the burgh about 1670, gave rise to many fulminations of the council against the adherents of that sect; and one of them who had buried his child in a "kail yard," was banished from the town, and an

order given to have the body taken up and reinterred in one of the ordinary burial places. Having deprived all those who professed Quakerism of their privileges as burgesses, a petition was presented, on the part of those oppressed Quakers, by Robert Barclay of Ury, setting forth that by this act they were deprived of "their natural and civill rights," being most of them sons of burgesses, and all recognized by the Queen and Parliament as Protestant Dissenting subjects. The council, however, could see no hardship in the measure; and soon after they declined to record in the council books a letter from the Lord Advocate, desiring them to take the Quaker's solemn affirmation in place of an oath.

Two years later, the Laird of Ury having presented an act of the Privy Council for altering the burgess oath as to Quakers and Papists, and giving the relief formerly denied to the Quakers, the council resolved to comply with the act (pp. 277, 342, 347).

The rejoicings on the king's restoration in 1660, united the usual demonstrations of devotion and drinking, with some additional observances. They were to commence with sermons in the town's churches, where his Majesty's loft was covered with tapestry, and the whole inhabitants being assembled at seven o'clock in the morning in the churchyard, they were to go to church and hear the sermons, and return most humble and hearty thanks to God for his Majesty's happy restoration. They were

then to proceed with their arms, in procession through the streets, the magistrates going first, "singing songs and praiseing with such scripturall psalms as the minister sall appoint," and on coming to the cross they were to give such vollies and shots as should be appointed, the bells ringing and trumpets and drums sounding, with all tokens of civil and godly merriment and joy that may evidence the gladness of their hearts. The cross was decked with tapestry, having on the top of it "musicianars skilfull in singing and playing, and ane long table therat, and all sorts of confections set theron," with the magistrates and chief citizens seated around, and two pieces of wine, the one of claret, the other of white wine, to be given to all that wished, and a great number of glasses cassin and broken."

They were so pleased with the whole proceedings, that the council resolved to be at the expense of printing the sermons, with a description of the form and manner of the solemnity used by the inhabitants (pp. 186, 191).

The council, among other duties, took on them the regulation of "apothecaries and chirurgons." These were all to be subject to an annual visitation, "and all spoillit or lost drogges were to be cast out, and sophisticat drogues brunt, to the dishonour of the owner." Dr James Gordon, one of the town's doctors, having contracted with some craftsmen of the burgh to attend their families for certain specified sums, the council conceived "the said contract

to be both dishonorabill to the facultie of medicinars, as also not tollerable in any weel governit incorporatioun," and ordered it to be cancelled (pp. 168, 171).

There are many regulations connected with the Grammar School, which, as illustrating the modes of study, the books in use, and other kindred matters, are of very considerable interest (pp. 181, 199, 270, 327).

It may be noted, that daily morning and evening prayers, in one of the town's churches, were continued till 1695, when they were discharged, not being "frequented as in former tymes" (p. 317).

The inhabitants, as was to be expected, were not unanimous in the proceedings consequent on the Revolution of 1688, and manifestations of their divisions occur in several notices (pp. 310, 312, 314, 315, 316).

In the rising of 1715 the Jacobite party elected a council, by whom contributions were imposed on the burgh, under orders from the Earl of Marr, and they agreed to send to his camp at Perth 300 Lochaber axes, and a printing press with types. In the ensuing year, all their acts were rescinded and declared illegal (pp. 352, 364).

In the rising of 1745 the Jacobites again got the upper hand, and a party of them took possession of the town. They made the provost prisoner, and carried him to the cross, forcing him and

some of the bailies to the platform on the top, where the Chevalier's manifestos and declarations were proclaimed. They then drank to the Chevalier's health, and "endeavoured by force to make the provost drink their healths, which he refusing, they poured the wine down his breast, and caused the bells in town to be rung, and made public rejoicings, and as a pretended jubilee, caused throw open the prison doors, whereby those that were committed for murder and other crimes, as well as for debts, made their escape" (p. 377).

With the proceedings which ensued, the Extracts from the Burgh Records close. The measures which followed the suppression of the rebellion of 1745, ushered in a new condition of things, less admitting of illustration, and which, with its many advantages, was destitute of those features of contrast and picturesqueness which have invested the Burgh Records of earlier years with so much of interest and historical value.

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EXTRACTS

FROM THE

RECORDS OF THE BURGH OF ABERDEEN.

31 *January* 1643.

31 Jan. 1643.

Rany convict.

JANET RANY, spous to Sergant M'Gregor, wes convict and put in amerciament for draging doun among hir feit Issobell Walker be the hair, and for etling to strik the said Issobell with ane brasin pan, ffor the quhilk the said Janet Rany was ordanit to crawe God and the pairtie offendit pardon befoir the magistrats, and to be comitet in waird within the wairdhous of the said burgh, thair to remain for the space of tuentie-four hours, or than to releive hir thairfra be payment of tua merkis money to the dean of gild.

8 *March* 1643.

8 March 1643.

Anent blak-fishers.

The quhilk day the councell considering that the chairges and expenssis bestowit be the toun for repressing of blakfishers and slayers of kepper and smolts in forbiddin tyme, throw neglecting of the executioun

8 March 1643. — Anent blak-fishers.

of the acts maid aganes these blakfishers, ar oftin gevin out, but any profit to the toun, quhairas if the blakfisheris, slayers of these kepper and smolts wer convenit, accusit, convict, and vnlawit, not onlie the saids expenssis wold be refoundit bak, bot lykewayes sum commoditie wold redound to the vtilitie and benefit of the toun, besyde the restraining of the blakfishers; for remeid quhairof, and to the effect heirefter, some better ordour may be tein with the saids transgressors of the foirsaids actis, the councell for this present occasion nominats and chuises Robert Cruikshank, lait dean of gild of the said burghe, to agent and doe the said busines, and to caus put the foirsaids acts to deu execution aganes the saids transgressors, conforme to the lawes of the cuntrie for the weill and benefit of the commoun gude of this burghe, merchant traderis of the same burghe, and heretours of the saids fishings, and for better expeding of the busines, the councell is content that

moir or les be advancit to the said Robert be ane of the counsall, or ony vther nichtbour in this toun, as he sall think gude; with this alwayes condition and speciall provision, that the said Robert, or any other advancer of the said moneyes, vse thair best endeavouris and diligence in sumonding and conveining the saids transgressors befoir the judges ordiner, and they being convenit, convict and vnlawit, the persone or persons advancers of the saids moneyes to the said Robert, sall receave back out of the first end of the saids vnlawes of convictiones bygane and to com, tuentie shillings Scots money for ilk mark of the foirsaid soume advancit or to be advancit to the said Robert, quhilk salbe payit to the advancer as the vnlawes salbe collectit for any conviction ather bygane or to com, sua that the counsall sall be free of any payment or refounding of the saids deburseements.

This act is ordanit to be renewit in favouris of the advancer of the money as agent for the burgh for executing of the foirsaids acts, if the said Robert his commissioun, beis ather alterit or expyre without consent of the advancer.

15 *March* 1643.

15 March 1643.

Ordour gevin for printing schoole lawes.

The quhilk day the provest, baillies, and counsell, considering how heirtofoir throw want of scoole laws, dew tyme of teaching ar neglectit, and authors ar not taucht to ye capacitie of the scoolars, quhilk might be weill amendit to the ease and contentment of the maisteris, and profit of the scoollaris, if good scoole lawes wer set doune; quhairanent the counsell advyseing thinks it expedient that the scoole lawes drawn vp be sight and advyse of Thomas Mortimer, baillie, D. Dune, Mr Andro Cant, Mr Johne Oswald, and Mr John Row, ministers of Aberdeine, Mr William Moir, Mr Danid Wedderburne, be printed with all convenient diligence possible to the effect aboue mentionat, and Walter Cochran, dean of gild, is ordanit to pay for the printing thairof, quhilk sall be allowit to him in his comptis.

29 *March* 1643.

29 March 1643.

Anent the biging of ane loft in the grammer scoole.

The provest, baillies, and counsell, haueing resolvit albefoir to big and erect ane loft in the northwest end of the grammer scoole of this burghe, for the ease of the maisteris and doctors of the said scoole, and benefit of the scoollars for wreiting thairin, haue thairfoir appointit, and be thir presents appoints, Walter Cochran, dean of gild of this burghe, to be maister of the wark in biging of the said loft, and to haue ane cair that the said work be enterit to with all convenient diligence, and ordanes the said dean of gild to provyde all materialls necessar, and craftismen requiset for the work, and to deburse such expenssis as sall be neidfull thairanent, quhilk sall be allowit to him in his compts.

22 *April* 1643.

22 April 1643.

Philp convict.

The said day David Philp, fermorar, was convict and put in amerciament of court be the depositiones of sindrie famous witnesses, admitted,

22 April 1643. — Philp convict.

sworne, and examined, for injureing Violat Touche and Agnes Young, her daughter, he casting over a tubfull of water on thame, and for breaking of ane paire of yearne wells, and striking the same thairefter with his feet, in the gutter,—to forbeare,—Mr Patrik Chalmer became actit to pay sic vnlaw as the counsell sall modifie for the said David his injurie; as lykewayes became cationer for the said David to pay to Robert Skene, burges of the said burghe, ten bollis beir restand be the said David to the said Robert, and that within terme of law, or then ordanit to be put in waird, thairin to remaine fyue dayis, or then to redeim himselff furth thairof be payment of fyue pundis, and to crave the pairtie pardon, the hiest pryces thairfoir, and the said David actit him to releive his cationer.

25 April 1643. — Cuik convict.

25 *April* 1643.

William Cuik, convict, be the depositiones of sindry famous witnesses, admitit, sworne, and examined for injureing Andro Meldrum, litster, be saying this disdainfull wordis to him, *Dirt in your teith wain fellow;* quhairfoir the said William wes ordanit to be commitit to waird, thairin to remain quhill he redeim himselff furth thairof be payment of four punds money to the dean of gild, and to crave the pairtie wronget pardon befoir the magistratis.

26 April 1643. — Ordinance for the doctors of the grammer schoole.

26 *April* 1643.

The quhilk day Mr Dauid Swan, ane of the doctors of the grammer scoole of this burghe, haueing gevin vp his supplication to the counsell, quhairby he shew that his yeirlie pension of wald not intertaing him as ane honest man in his calling, and thairfoir desyrit the counsell aither to tak such course anent the augmentatioun of his yeirlie pension as that thairby he may leive as ane honest young man in the toun, or to permit him to remove from the chairge at Witsinday nixt, to ane other pairt quhair he could get occasion of ane place; quhairanent

the counsell adviseing and vnderstanding that the said Mr Dauid hes behavit himself deutifullie hitherto in his calling, and that his paines takin be him in teaching the scollars ar als great as the paines takin be the other doctor, Mr Alexander Chalmer, and considering that thair paines and trauellis sustenit be thame in edificing of the scollars being alyke, thair pensions and stipends should be alyke also; quhairfoir the provest, baillies, and counsell ordanes the haill deues and sallaries payable be the bairns and scollars in the said scoole to the said Mr Alexander, and the said yeirlie pension payable to the said Mr Dauid to be equallie divydit betuixt them in all tyme comeing, and to be takin vp be thame quarterlie *per vices*, and the receauer or collectour thairof that sall happin to collect the same, be mutuall consent and advise to be comptable to the other, the first quarters payment beginning at ruid day nixt.

26 April 1643. Ordinance for the doctors of the grammer schoole.

6 *May* 1643.

6 May 1643. Caution for Robert Smith, his passing to France.

Robert Smith, sone lawfull to Alexander Smith, in Craigtoun of Lounquhannan, haveing tein on with Capitan James Gordon to pas with the said capitan as ane of his sojoris to France, and being takin furth of ward quhairin he was committed at the instance of the said capitan, compeired in presence of the said baillie, the said Alexander Smith, and voluntarlie become actit and obleist to present the said Robert his sone, within the tolbuith of the said burgh of Aberdein, in quhat tyme and how sone the said Capitane James Gordon should requyr him, within twenty four houris advertisment, vnder the pain of ane hundreth pundis money, to be payit be the said Alexander to the said capitan in caice of failzie.

10 *May* 1643.

10 May 1643. Anent the tolling of bells, and lykwaiks and burialls.

The quhilk day the councell vnderstanding the great abuses and disorders commitit in this toun be occasioun of lykewakes, tolling and ringing of belles, and other superstitious rites vseit at funeralls, notwith-

10 May 1643.

Anent the tolling of bells, and likwaiks and burialls.

standing of sindrie acts hes beene sett doun abefoir for restraining these abuses, nevertheless the same ar so farre frome being represt as that they daylie increase: For remeid quharof, and to the end the inhabitants may be brocht to ane more Christian behaviour at such tyme and in such places, the councell not onlie ratifies the former acts maid heirtofoir, dischairging the tolling of belles at funeralls, and leying of the beir and mortcloths on the graves of deceasit persons, and the invyting of any person at lykewakes, bot also inhibits all inhabitantis to desyre the master or doctour of the musick schoole, and reidars foirsaid, to sing or reid heirafter at the said lykewakes, certifieing the invitars of any persons to suche places heirefter, that they sall pay fourtie pundis money to the deane of gild of this burgh, for the vse of the toun, als oft as they sall happin to contravein efter tryall and conviction; and the said master and doctour of the sang scoole, and reidars transgressing this present ordinance, sallbe depryvit of thair publict chairges *ipso facto* but favour, with this certificatioun lykewayes to the kirk officer of this burgh, if he, be himselff or his servants, give way to the tolling of bellis at funeralls, or to the seting of the said bier or mortcloth on the graves of any deceasit persons in tyme comeing, albeit he get warrand frome ane particular magistrat of this burgh for that effect, not haueing the consent and approbatioun of the counsall thairto, that in any of these caices he sall be depryvit of his office, quhairof intimation is to be maid to all persons haveand entres that they pretend no ignorance.

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Addition to the burges aith.

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5 June 1651. — The king's majestie's letter.

for direct Majestie said mis- tablished ment, and tinat to t respect goodnes, I be con- e all, and pall to be lowis:— 1. Since on of the hese our nt of ws more near expect a e to their seditious s lead in- danger to n, and to not their- ars from me the their- cessis and to show r we pos- necing in-

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5 *June* 1643.

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The king's majestie's letter.

The said day the counsell haueing causit reid his Maiestie's letter direct to thame of the dait at Oxfoord, the 21 Aprile 1643, whairby his Maiestie gave new assureance, be a solemne protestation contenit in the said missive, that he suld not alter nor change any thing granted or established abefoir in this kingdom, ather in ecclesiasticall or civill governament, and desyring the haill burgessis to be convenit, and the letter to be intimat to the haill toun; quhilk letter wes most thankfullie and with great respect receavit be the haill counsell, wha acknowledgeit his Maiestie's goodnes, and for obedience thairvnto it wes ordanit that the toun sould be convenit be touk of drum, and the letter to be publictly red to thame all, and the said letter to be registrat in the counsell bookis, and the principall to be cairfullie keipit and preseruit. Off the quhilk letter the tennour followis:—

'Charles R. Trustie and weil-beloued, we greet you well. Since nothing on earth can be moir dear vnto ws then the preseruation of the affection of our people, and amongst them non more then of these our native kingdome, which, as the long and vninterrupted government of ws and our predicessors ouer them, doth give ws just reason, in a more near and speciall maner, to challenge frome them, so may they justlie expect a particular tendernes from ws in euerie thing which may contribute to thair happines: bot knowing what industrie is vsed (by scattering seditious pamphlets, and imploying privat agents and instruments to giue bad impressions of ws and our proceidings, and vnder pretence of a danger to religion and government) to corrupt their fidelitie and affection, and to ingage them in ane vnjust quarrell against ws their king, we cannot theirfoir bot indeavour to remove these jealousies, and secure their fears frome all possibilitie of any hazard of either of these frome ws: we haue theirfoir thoucht fitt to requir you to call togidder your fellow burgessis and such others as haue any dependance vpon you, and in our name to show them our willingnes to giue all the assurance they can desyre, or we possiblie grant (if more can be giuen than alreadie is), of preserueing in-

5 June 1643.

The king's majestie's letter.

violablie all these graces and favors which we haue of lait granted to that our kingdome; and that we faithfullie promise never to go to the contrair of any thing their established, either in ecclesiasticall or civill governament, bot that we will inviolablie keip the same according to the lawes of that our kingdome, and we wish God so to bless our proceidings and posteritie as we doe reallie mak good and performe this promise. We hope this will giue so full satisfaction to all who sall heare of this oure solemne protestation, that no such persons as studie division, or go about to weaken the confidence betwixt ws and our people, and justlie deserue the name and punishment of incendaries, sall be sheltred frome the hand of justice; and all such others as sall indeavor peace, and vnitie, and obedience to ws and our lawes may expect that protection and increase of favour from ws which their fidelitie deserues. So expecting your cair heirof, we bid you heartilie fairweill, from our court at Oxfoord, the 21 Aprile 1643. To our trustie and weilbeloued the Prowest, Baillies, and Counsell of the Toun of Aberdene.'

9 June 1643.

Litheo convict.

9 *June* 1643.

Robert Litheo, meason, convict for striking of Johne Calder, elder, and dinging of him and his wyffe to the ground, and for abuseing of Gilbert Brek, officiar, in calling of him loun, slaw, and knave, with many wther injurious wordis, for the quhilk the counsell adjudges the said Robert in ane vnlaw of tuentie pundis, to be payit to the dean of gild, and to remane in waird quhill he pay the same.

3 July 1643.

Anent the rvot committet be laird of Haddo.

3 *July* 1643

The quhilk day the counsell haueing takin to thair considering the great abuse comitted, and wrong done, be the Laird of Haddo to Alexander Jaffray, present baillie, for dischairgeing of his office, by persewing him and the rest wha wer with him, vpon Saturday, with pistolls and swords,

whairby he did wound the said Alexander in the head, and his brother John in the arme, commited besyde Dalwerie, they all in ane voice resents the wrong, and take it done as to the toun of Aberdene; and theirfoir ordanes presentlie letteris to be wreitin to the provest, Patrick Leslie, and Mr Robert Farquhar, to advise with the tounes advocate for seiking ane redres thairof be law, efter the most exact maner that can be, with all convenient diligence, vpon the tounes charges; quhilkis letteris the counsell thocht good, in respect thair is bot an baillie, to wit, Thomas Mortimer, to subscryve, that the saids letters be subscryvit be the haill counsell present.

3 July 1643.

Anent the ryot committet be the Laird of Haddo.

12 *July* 1643.

12 July 1643.

The said day Thomas Burnet, thesaurar, to be lyable at Michaelmes nixt for payment of the muskats and picks restand be the nichthors of this toun, for so many as he hes not, or sall not doe lawfull diligence against.

Thesurar comptable for muskats and picks.

20 *September* 1643.

20 Sept. 1643.

The said day, the counsell, considering the paines takin be Mr John Row in teaching the Hebrew tongue; and for setting furth ane Hebrew Dictionar, and dedicating the same to the counsell, ordaines Thomas Burnet, thesaurar, to deliuer to the said Mr John Row, for his paines, four hundreth merkis, Scots money. . . .

Mr John Rows Hebrew Dictionar.

28 *September* 1643.

28 Sept. 1643.

The same day, in presence of Patrick Leslie, prouest, Thomas Boyes, skipper and maister of the gude ship of Aberdeen callit "The Gift of God," voluntarlie become actit and obleist that he shall not transport any persone furth of this kingdome to Zeland, nor no vther foran countrie, or any pairt whatsumeur, without speciall licence, consent,

Obligement by the skipper of "The Gift of God."

28 Sept. 1643.

Obligement by the skipper of "The Gift of God."

and advyse of the said Patrik Leslie, prouest; lykas the said Thomas oblist him to giue vp ane perfect roll to the said prouest of the haill names of the persones that he sall receave within his said ship, vnder the pain of fyve hundreth merkis money, to be payed be the said Thomas to the deane of gild of this brugh, for the publict vse and benefeit of the said toune, and that for ilk person that he sall hapin to transport furth of this herbrie to anie vther pairt without licence asket and givin in maner aboue specifeit.

4 Oct. 1643.

Anent blak-fishers.

4 *October* 1643.

The said day the counsell appoints these gentlemen who formerlie vndertook the keiping of the waters of Dee and Don, that salmound sould not be slain in forbidden tyme, to continew for this yeir, and to be payit out of the readiest of the bygane vnlaues collectit and to be collectit be vertew of the hornings alreadie raisit, conforme to the last agriement; and if they refuise to vndertak of new, others to be soucht out for that effect.

18 Oct. 1643.

Ordinance to Henry Dune anent pickis and muskatis.

18 *October* 1643.

The said day the counsell ordanes Henry Dune to vse diligence for ingaddring of sic moneyes as arrestand yit vnpayit be the inhabitantis of the toune and wthers for picks and muskats coft be thame belonging to the toune.

Eodem die.

Anent Hew Kid, a fugitive sojor.

Eodem die.

The quhilk day Alexander Clerk, wolster, become actit and obleist to present Hew Kid, wolster, fugitive sojor, within the tolbuith of Aberdene, befor the provest and baillies of the said burgh, at quhat tyme and how sone soeuer the said Alexander sall be requyreit for that effect, vpon fourtie aucht hours aduerteisement, vnder the pain of furnisheing ane

sojour als gude as the said Hew is, for the service of Ensigne Wm. Johnstone, from quhoes service the said Hew hes fled; and for mor assureance theroff, the said Hew oblist him to remain within the said Alexander Clerk his awin house, and work to the said Alexander at the wobster craft, quhilk the magistrats of the said burgh requyr for him, wnder all just pain and charge that efter may follow.

18 Oct. 1643. — Anent Hew Kid, a fugitive sojor.

20 *December* 1643.

20 Dec. 1643. — Act anent selling pulder vnder the tounes hous.

The said day the provest baillies and counsell considering the great danger and harme the toune may sustein be keiping and selling of pulder in the lauch boothes vnder the tolbuith and tounes hous, and theirfoir ordanes and statuts that no pulder be keipit nor sold within the said boothes at any tyme heirefter, vnder the pain of ane hundreth punds money to be payit be the contraveinar, and confiscatioun of the pulder fund in the saids boothes, *toties quoties*, and ratifies the former act maid thairanent the 23 of October 1633.

27 *December* 1643.

27 Dec. 1643. — Straquhan chosin captan for the touns company.

The quhilk day the provest baillies and counsell, all in ane voice but contradiction, electit, nominat, and chusit Captain John Straquhan to be captan and leader of the company of soiours levied and to be levied out of this burghe for the present expedition vnto Ingland, and ordanes him immediatlie efter the dait heirof to enter with his charge in training and dreilling of the said company, and vsing of all militarie disciplin over thame, conform to the order vseit in sic caices.

3 *January* 1644.

3 Jan. 1644. — Ray chosin leveten-nent.

The said day the provest, baillies, and counsell, all in ane voice, but contradiction electit, nominat, and chuisit Lieutennent John Ray to be

8 Jan. 1644.

Ray chosin leveten-nent.

levetennant and leader vnder Capitan John Straquhan of the company of soiouris levied, and to be levied out of this burghe, for the present expedition into England, and ordanes him immediatlie efter the dait heirof to enter with his charge in training and dreilling of the said company, and vseing of all militarie disciplin over thame, conform to the ordour vseit in sic caises.

9 *January* 1644.

9 Jan. 1644.

The touns consent to be taxt for auchtein thousand and four hundreth merkis.

The quhilk day the inhabitants of the toun, both free and vnfree, being convenit in their heid court hauldin in the tolbuith of this burghe, the magistrats schew to the nichtbors that the soume of auchtein thousand and four hundreth merkis money is appointed to be vplifted out of this toun be the Estaits, for the touns pairt of the loan moneyes and taxation requisit for the levying of the forces of the present expedition towards Ingland; and thairfoir desyrit the nichtbouris that they wald single out of their number some taxtars for stenting of the foirsaid soume on the inhabitants, conforme quhairwnto, Wm. Petrie, Walter Cochrane, Alexander Ramsay, Patrik Dovie, Alexander Jaffray, Alexander Henry, Dauid Aidy, Leonard Leslie, Wm. Forbes, elder, Alexander Howiesone, George Cullen, Alexander Burnet, elder, Thomas Burnet, Henry Dune, James Robertsone, wer chosin stentars for stenting the foirsaid soume. Quhilk taxtars being personallie present, acceptit of the stenting of the forsaid soume, and gave thair solemne aithes, be haulding vp of thair hands, that they sould stent the foirsaid soume on the nichtbors of this toun justlie, but any respect of persons, and sould give out and deliuer to the magistrats and clerk of this burghe the taxt roll thairanent, vnder thair hands, and that with all convenient diligence possible.

24 *January* 1644.

24 Jan. 1644.

Warrand to the dean of gild.

The samen day the counsell ordanes John Jaffray, dean of gild, to depurse the haill charges and expenssis on the deduceing of the proces of compryseing of the lands belonging to Sir John Gordon of Haddo, knicht, and puting of the letteres of treason aganes him to execution, and siclyke the haill charges and expenssis of all wther letteris and charges alreadie vseit and execut, or to be vseit and execut aganes the said Sir John Gordon at the instances of the persons thairin mentionat, for his ryots, quhilk salbe allowit to the said dean of guild in his accompts.

5 *February* 1644.

5 Feb. 1644.

Publication be the magistrats to the inhabitants.

The said day the toun being convenit be the drum passing throw the haill streits, and conveining for the maist pairt in the tolbuith, it wes exponet be the magistrats to the nichbours of this burghe, that a letter wes direct from the Estaits of this kingdome to the magistrats and councell of the same burghe, shawing that notice wes takin of our negligence and remisnes for not leiviing of such number as ar impoisit on the toun for the commoun expeditioun towards Ingland, and thairfoir desyrit the inhabitants they wald tak the same to their consideration, and for eschewing forder inconvenient that may enschew on the toune, they wald be prepaired with their men; lykeas intimation wes maid that stentars ar appointed to be chosin on Tuisday next, for stenting on the nichtbors of the toun of the soume of auchtein thowsand and four hundreth merkis money for loan moneyes to the number of sojors of this toune who happins to go on service and taxation; lykeas William Anderson, decon conveinar, wes ordanit to caus the deacons of the crafts convein, and tak such ordour for singling out their men for this purpoise as apperteineth.

14 Feb. 1644.

Warrand to dean of gild and thesaurar.

14 *February* 1644.

The said day the counsell ordaines John Jaffray, dean of gild, to advance to Robert Corser, ancient to the Company of this burghe, tuentie dolleris, and to William Scot, ane of the sergandis of the said company, other tuentie dolloris, and sielyk ordains George Cullen, thesaurar, to delyuer to John Ray, levetennent to the said company, feftie dollers, and to tak his band for repayment of tuentie fyve dolloris thairof at Martimes nixt, and also ordanes the said thesaurar to advance to William Collie, ane vther of the serjandis of the said company, tuentie punds, conform to the baillies warrand to be gevin thairanent, quhilks soumes sall be allowit to the said dean of gild and thesaurar in thair accomptis.

24 Feb. 1644.

Thomas Collisone of Auchlownies accused of malignancy.

24 *February* 1644.

Forsameikill as Thomas Collisone of Auchlownies wes yisternicht attatched be the Lewtennent-Collonell of Buchanans regiment as a malignant, thairfoir Paule Collisone, burges of Aberdene, became actit as cautioner for the said Thomas, to present him befoir the Committe of Estaits, or vtheris quhensoever he sall be desyrit for that effect, vnder such faillie as the committee sall think fitt, and the said Thomas Collisone oblist him to releive his cautioner of the cautionrie aboue wreitin, and of all that may follow thairon.

Eodem die.

Anent the alledgit concealing of Lord Spynie.

Eodem die.

The same day in presence of Patrik Leslie, provest of Aberdene, Mr William Mor and Robert Crukshank, baillies of the said burghe, George Cullen, burges of Aberdene, become actit and oblist to present George Meingzes, burges of the said burgh, befoir the committee of Estates, or others quhansoever the said George Cullen sall be requyrit, ther to vnderly censur for alledgit drawing of my Lord Spynnie to the duelling

place of Mariori Meingzes, relict of Mr Gilbert Gray, and alledgit conceallling the said Lord Spynnie theirin, and the said George Meingzeis actit him to releive his said cautioner.

24 Feb. 1644.

Anent the alledgit concealing of Lord Spynie.

28 *February* 1644.

28 Feb. 1644.

Ane nichtlie watch ordanit.

The quhilk day the councell considering that the tymes ar dangerous in respect of the present trouble within this kingdome, and that diuerse insolencies and desordouris may be daylie committed within this burghe be the soiors and vtheris euill dispoised persones takand advantage of the present tymes, haue statute and ordainit, and be thir presentis statuts, thair be ane nichtlie watche keipit within this toun of the inhabitants thairof, and that they be sufficientlie armed, ilk nicht half ane quarter of the said toun for the said watch, and sielyke ordanes John Jaffray, dean of gild, to sie that the locks of the haill ports of this burgh be sufficient, and that the saids locks be put on euerie nicht, and the haill ports sure lockit; and that the said dean of gild tak inspection of the catbands, and haue thame in readines for puting wp when necessitie sall require: and also ordaines that euerie inhabitant being ane fencible persone in this burghe, both maister, prenteis, and servant, but exception keip the said nichtlie watch thameselves for the haill nicht, vnder the pain of fyve pundis money to be exactit from euerie absent.

6 *March* 1644.

6 March 1644.

Ordinance to the dean of gild.

The said day the councell ordaines John Jaffray, dean of gild, to pay to Mr William Moir, baillie (out of the first and readiest of the vnlawes of salmund makers), the number of fourtein dollours depurst be the said Mr William, for outriging of Mr John Row, minister, his sojour, quhilk salbe allowit to the said dean of gild in his accompts.

6 March 1644.

Ordinance to the dean of gild.

6 *March* 1644.

The quhilk day the counsell ordaines the foirnamit John Jaffray, dean of gild, to land, buy, and bring home out of Flanders, ane hundreth ordinar muskatis of an boar, with thair bandileirs, togidder with fyve hundreth weycht of ball conforme to the bore of the muskat, and fyve hundreth weycht of pouder, and sielyke, ane thousand weycht of the best sort of metal that keips fyre best, and ane hundreth picks for the vse of the toun.

Eodem die.

Ordinance to the baillies.

Eodem die.

The said day the councell ordanes the foirnamit Mr Thomas Gray, Mr Mathew Lumisdane, Mr William Moir, Robert Cruikshank, baillies, to try the names of the persons within their seuerall quarters, and to tak notice of such inhabitants within the same as have not riged out their pairt of a sojour for the present expedition to Ingland, and to report thair diligence to the councell thairanent the fourteint of this instant.

8 March 1644.

Cruickshank convict of wounding the seruitour of Mr Robert Farquhar of Mowny.

8 *March* 1644.

Thomas Cruikshank, lawfull sone to James Cruikshank, burges of Aberdeen, convict be the depositions of sindrie famous witnesses, admittet, sworne, and examined for hurting, wounding, and blood drawing of John Farquhar, seruitour to Mr Robert Farquhar of Mowny, with ane whinger vnder his richt pap to the effusion of his blood, for the quhilk the said Thomas wes committet in waird, and adjudgit in ane vnlaw of feftie pundis wsuall Scots money, to be payit to the dean of gild for the vse of the toun, ffor payment of the quhilk vnlaw James Cruikshank, burges of the said burghe, became actit and obleist as cationer for the said Thomas, that he sall keip and observe his majesties peace, and not trouble nor molest be way of deid, any inhabitant within the said burghe, freedome,

or jurisdiction thairof vnder the pain of fyve hundreth merks money forsaid to be payit to the dean of gild of the said burghe for the tyme, incaise of contraveining, efter tryall and conviction. 8 March 1644.

Eodem die. Eodem die.

The said day in presence of Mr Thomas Gray, Mr Mathew Lumisdane, and Mr Robert Cruikshank, baillies, compeirit George Farquhar, merchant burgess of Aberden, and becaim actit cationer souertie and lawburrowes for John Farquhar, servitour to Mr Robert Farquhar of Mowny, that he sall onnawayes trouble nor molest James Cruikshank, burges of the said burgh, and Thomas Cruikshank his sone, be word, work, nor deid, nor be na vtheris quhom he may stop nor lat, directlie nor indirectlie, vtherwayes nor be ordour of law and justice, vnder the pain of ane hundreth punds money incaise of faille, and the said John actit him to relieve the cationer of the premisses. Cationer for Farquhar.

19 *March* 1644. 19 March 1644.

The said day the counsell electit and chuisit Mr William Moir, one of the present baillies to be commissioner for this burghe, to goe to Edinburgh with diligence, and their to represent the Committee of Estaites the disaster and injurie done and committit this morning by Syr John Gordon of Haddo, Alexander Irving, younger of Drum, Robert Irving, his brother, William Seatoun of Schithin, William Innes of Tippertie, and their associats, in surpryssing of this toun, be comeing in thairto about fyve hours in the morning, shortlie efter dissolveing of the watch, accompanied with ane hundreth horsemen and above, by footemen, armed with suords, pistolls, hagbuts, and vthers weapons invasive, vnbeseting the houssis of Patrik Leslie, provest, Mr Alexander Jaffray, lait provest, John Jaffray, deane of gild, and Mr Robert Farquhar of Mowny, burgessis of the said burgh, and violentlie taking furth of saids houssis the said Moir electit to go to Edinburgh.

19 March 1644.

Moir electit to go to Edinburgh.

Patrik Leslie, provest, Alexander Jaffray, lait baillie, the said Mr Robert Farquhar, and John Jaffray, caireing of thame away, and deteining thame as captives and prisoners within the houssis of Strathbogy and Auchindoum.

Eodem die.

Eodem die.

Cullen and Farquhar electit commissioners.

The quhilk day the councell electit George Cullen, thesaurer, and James Farquhar, merchand burges of this burghe, commissioners for going to William Earle Marshell, and represent vnto his Lordsip as ane of the colonells of this shyre and burghe, of the disaster and injurie above mentionat, and to advyse with the said Earl if his lordship thocht it expedient that the said commissioners sould go from his lordship to the Marques of Huntlie, and try his lordships mynd towards this burgh efter representing to him of the foirsaid injurie.

Eodem die.

Eodem die

Gray, Lumsden chosin commissioners.

The said day the counsell electit Mr Thomas Gray and Mr Mathow Lumsdane, two of the baillies, commissioners for going to George Lord Gordon, ane of the colonells of this shyre, now remaneing in Auld Aberdeen, to represent to his lordship the forsaid disaster and injurie, and to crave his lordships advise and concurrence for repairing the same.

Eodem die.

Eodem die.

Ordinance for the inhabitants.

The said day the counsell ordanes the haill inhabitants of this burgh to be put in a warlike postur of defence, and for that effect electit Thomas Melvill, captain for the ewin quarter, Patrik Leslie, younger, for the cruikit quarter, Mr Thomas Merser, for the grein quarter, and Alexander Burnet for the futtie quarter, and ordanes ane watch to be keipit be day allsweill as nichtlie.

25 *March* 1644.

25 March 1644.

Ordinance for the inhabitantis.

The said day the counsell being adverteised that the Marques of Huntlie, accompanied with his friends and followers, ar to com in to this toune the morne, for what ends they know not, have tharfoir statut and ordanit, and be thir presentis statuts and ordanes that the haill inhabitants of this burghe be put in a warlike posture of armes and defence, and that the haill cat bands be put on, and the ports of the toun straitly keipit.

Eodem die.

Eodem die.

Ordinance for the inhabitantis.

The same day the counsell ordanes that no inhabitant within this burghe desert or leave the same vnder the paine of loss of their freedome, and inflicting of sic fairder censure and punishment vpon their persons and goods as the counsell sall think expedient.

Eodem die.

Eodem die.

Moresone, Cullen electit commissioners.

The said day the counsell electit George Moresone, lait baillie, George Cullen, thesaurer, and Patrik Moir, commissioners, to goe to Inverurie the morne, and meet the Marques of Huntlie, and to try his lordships mynd and intention towards this burghe, and to procure assurance (if they culd) that his lordship nor nane of his followers sall offer any injurie, trouble, or molestation, to any of the inhabitants of this burghe, in thair persons or goods, or press any of their consciences with oathes or subscriptions; likeas, vpon the tuentie sext of Marche, about four houres efternoone, the thrie commissioners above disignit, returnit to this toun, and declarit in presence of the baillies, that the Marques of Huntlie hade promisit to thame on his word of honor, that nane of the inhabitants of this burghe sould be prest in thair consciences, or any wayes molestit or troublit in their persons or goods, and immediatlie after the saids

25 March 1644.

Moresone, Cullen, electit commissioners.

commissioners declaration, the Marques of Huntlie enterit the toun accompanied with his freinds and followers, all armed in ane hostile maner, to the number of thrie hundreth horse, and also many fute.

27 March 1644.

Act concerning the Marques Huntlie.

27 *March* 1644.

The said day the Marques of Huntlie haveing convenit befoir him Mr Thomas Gray and Mr Mathow Lumisdane, tua of the present baillies, yisterday, desyring that he micht have muskatis, poulder, ball, and match, sold to him and his followers, and affirming that of necessitie they behoved to haue armes and ammunition vpon whatsumeuer termes, quhairwith the saids bailies promisit to acquaint the counsell this day, quha haveing convenit and considerit the foirsaid proposition maid be the said Marques of Huntlie, resoluit all in ane voice but any opposition, to declair vnto his lordship, that thair wer few or na armes in the toun, and suche as wer they would neither sell, len, nor give to his lordship, nor nane of his followers, nor to any others wha ar opposit to the Church and estaits of this kingdome.

10 April 1644.

Act Gray, Lumisdan of thair diligence.

10 *April* 1644.

The quhilk day it being representit to the counsell be Mr Thomas Gray, and Mr Mathow Lumisdane, baillies, that the Marques of Huntly had yisterday desyrit thame to caus build ane port of timber, with ane wicket, on the south end of the bridge of Dee, certifeing thame if they did it not, that he wald caus cut ane bow of the said bridge, the counsell theirfoir gave present warrand to Thomas Buck, maister of the kirk and bridge works, to caus mak the said port and wicket with diligance, and to deburse the expenssis and charges thairon.

16 *April* 1644.

16 April 1644.

Propositions by the Marquis of Huntly.

The quhilk day the toun being convenit, at leist pairt thairof, be tuk of drum, at the command of the magistrats, it wes signified to thame that the Marques of Huntlie desyrit on of thrie propositions to be grantit to him, viz: aither the rolls of the taxation and loane payable be the burghe to be deliuerit to him, and the taxt and loane to be pleasantlie payit to his lordship, or that the inhabitants sould contribut a reasonable soume of money for sustening of his sojors and company, or that his armie present and to be brocht theirto out of Innerury and vther pairts, suld haue free quarters, and desyrit the nichtbores to give their opiniones and advise what answer the baillies suld returne to his lordship. And the nichtbors all in ane voce answerit, that it wes not his lordships promise to vse thame so, but that the haill inhabitants suld be free of any harme in their persons, consciences, and goods, and that they wer not able to performe any of these conditions and overtours proponit, and if his lordship wald vse them so, it wes moir nor they expectit, and they behovit to suffer till it pleas God to send relief.

23 *April* 1644.

23 April 1644.

Anent the soldiers quartered on the toun by the marquis.

The quhilk day the toun being convenit for the maist pairt be tuk of drum, and it being exponit to thame be the baillies, that the Marques of Huntlie, efter the saids baillies hade exponit to his Lordship the touns last ansuer, that they wer not able to obey any of the thrie propositions proponit be his Lordship, the said Marques, vpon the seventein day of this instant, causit quarter tuo hundreth and fourtie sojors freelie vpon the toun, with their capitans and officeris, and now laitlie, vpon the nyntein day of this month, hes enforced the free quartering of three hundrethe sojors, with their capitans and officeris: thairfoir the saids baillies desyrit the toune to give their advise therein what course sould be takin for the mair easie and equall bearing of the said burden, that everie on, according

23 April 1644.

Anent the soldiers quartered on the toun by the marquis.

to his habilitie and power may bear a proportionall pairt of the said burden; the haill inhabitants, all in ane voice (except Thomas Boyes, skipper) consented and thocht that the saids haill sojors and officers be quartered in hostish houssis and vther pairts, quhair they may be best furnisht and eased, and that the haill nichtbours and inhabitants sould be taxt according to their trade, worth, and estait, for payment of sic moneyes as sal be dew to be peyit of the toun for the saids quarters, and desyrit that the thesaurer of the toun for the time vplift moneyes and pay for the saids quarters, and that the said thesaurer may be repayit by ane taxation to be set on the haill inhabitants, be taxtars to be chosin be the toun for that effect. But the said Thomas Boyes protestit to have his pairt of the said sojors, and to be free of the said taxation quhen the same sould occur. *Tandem*, the said Thomas past from his protestation, and is content to be taxt with the rest of the nichtbours of the toun.

24 April 1644.

Act anent Marques of Huntlie his soiouris.

24 *April* 1644.

The quhilk day the counsell allowes and approves sic depursements as George Cullen, thesaurer, hes alreadie deburst or sall deburse heirefter for the quartering of the Marques of Huntlie, his soiouris, quhilk sall be repayit to the said thesaurer out of the first and rediest of the taxation grantit and condescendit vpon yesterday be the haill inhabitants of this burgh, and lykewayes all and whatsumeuir hes been formerlie deburst aither in moneyes or wictuall, be the haill inhabitants of this burghe vpon the saids soiors, or vpon the commanders.

2 May 1644.

Intimation from the Marquis of Argyll of the coming of another army to the Burgh.

2 *May* 1644.

The quhilk day the inhabitants of this burghe, both free and vnfree, being warnit be the drum to convein in the tolbuith, and conveining for the maist pairt, it wes exponit be Mr Thomas Gray, baillie, to the nichtbors, that the Earle Marshell had direct to the baillies of the toun ane letter

showing that the Marques of Argyll, the said Erle Marshell, and vther noblemen, with their army consisting of sex thousand men or theirby, fute and horse, wer comeing to Aberdein the morne be tuelff hours; be the quhilk letter the said magistrats wer certified that these noblemen and their sojors are to vse no violence againes the toun nor nichtbours theirein, bot to proceid ordourlie in a legall way, quhilk letter the said baillie declared wes seconded with ane vther letter of the lyke tenour, sent to the magistrats of this burghe be Mr Alexander Jaffray, leat provest, and Mr William Moir, baillie, and theirfoir desyrit the nichtbours, all feare being laid asyde, to prepair their houssis with provision necessar for intertanging of the said army, and desyrit also the stablers of this toun to provyd thame selffes weill with corne and stray for the horse of the said army, and to receaue and intertang thame cheirfullie.

2 May 1644. — Intimation from the Marquis of Argyll of the coming of another army to the Burgh.

22 *May* 1644.

22 May 1644. — Report Moir of his diligence.

The said day Mr William Moir, baillie, maid report to the counsell of his diligence anent the commission gevin to him for acquainting the Committee of Estaits at Edinburgh, of the disaster done to the toune be Lairds of Haddo, Drum, and thair associats, in taking away of Patrick Leslie, provest, Mr Robert Farquhar, Alexander and John Jaffrayes, as prisoners with them, on the nyntein day of March last, with whaes report and diligence the counsell wes weill pleased, and ordanit George Cullen, thesaurer, to pay to Patrick Moir, maister of the mortified moneyes, tua hundreth merkis advanced be him to the said Mr William for his charges and expenssis; and also ordanes the said thesaurer to pay the said Patrick sic other soumes as he has advanced in outrigs of the touns company, vnder the conduct of Capitane John Straquhan, in the present expedition towards England.

12 May 1644.

Act Capitan Straquhan.

Eodem die.

The councell haveing receauit ane letter from Capitane John Straquhan, capitan of the touns company, from Morpet, showing that he deburst ane hundreth punds for our touns companies charges in Leith, and desyrit repetition of it, and of the companies march moneyes twixt Leith and Bervick, with diverse vthers dews, alledgit payable to him for pavilions, caps, stoups, and vther necessaris, the counsell ordanes the hundreth punds to be payit to him be the dean of gild, and that for the soiors transporting from Leith to Bervick, and ane answer to be wreittin to the capitane his letter.

23 May 1644.

Act anent taxes.

23 *May* 1644.

The quhilk day the haill inhabitants of the toun being warnit by touk of drum passing throw the haill streits of the said burghe, and conveinand for the maist pairt, Patrick Leslie, provest, relaited to the nichtbors that be ordour and warrand of the Committee of Estaits of this kingdome, the Marques of Argyle, and other noblemen in this toun, conform to the said ordour observit throw this haill kingdome for the mantenance of the northland armie and help of the Scots army in Ingland, and Irish armie, purposed to exact from the inhabitants, and ilk ane of them, according to their habilities and meanes, sic particular soumes of money as sould be impoised on the nichtbors be the Committee of Estaits now in this toun, and remited to the consideration of the toun whidder they wald be content to be now stentit be the said committee, or if they wald be content to be decernit to pas south, their to be stentit be the Estaits; concerning the quhilk matter the said Patrik Leslie declaired he hade conferred at lenth with the said noble Marques and others noblemen of the committee, and in end proponit to the said Marques that he and the remanent of the said noblemen wald be pleasit for the present to show such favour to this toune as to other burghes of this realme, and in particular to the burghe

of Dundie, seing this toun hade not in any sort transgrest: and for this effect they wald accept of such a soume of money fra the body of the toun as the said burghe of Dundie advancit till their back comeing, and quhill farder ordours sould be takin for vplifting from the nichtbors of this toun of the particular soumes that sall happin to be impoised on them; quhairanent the inhabitants of this toun advissing, condescendit in ane voice that sic soumes of money sould be now vpliftit in this toun, and deburst for the publiet effairs; and the lyk soume as hade bein advancit be the said burghe of Dundie, les or mair, as it sould happin, the said Patrik Leslie, provest, to aggrie vpon with the said noblemen: Lykas the saids inhabitants wer content to advance and be stentet for such soumes of money as it sould happin the said Patrik to condiscend vpon with the said noblemen. The said provest furthermore declairit to the nichtbors of the toun that the councell of this burghe hade maid nomination and election of Mr Samuell Rutherfurd, and faillieing of him, of Mr Robert Bailliie, and faillieing of him, of Mr Dauid Dick, for supplieing of the vacant roume of Doctor Robert Barroun, lait professor of divinitie within the New Colledge of Aberdein, and for preaching tuyse ilk Sabboth day in the Colledge Kirk of the said burghe; and of Mr John Neve, for supplieing of the vacant place of Mr John Oswald, lait minister at Aberdein, and inquirit of the saids inhabitants if they hade any just exception aganes any of the saids persons why they culd not be receauit to the generall functions *respective* aboue specified, and no exception being maid, the haill inhabitants consentit, and be thir presentis consentis to the nomination and election of the foirnemit persons; quhairvpon and haill premisses the said provest askit and tuke act and note.

23 May 1644. — Act anent taxes.

5 *June* 1644.

5 June 1644.

The said day the counsell ordanes the dean of gild and thesaurer to wplift moneyes for payment to the nichtbouris of this burghe, of sic quarters as ar restand to theme, be the soiors of the armie quartered in

Ordinance to the dean of gild.

5 June 1644.

Ordinance to the dean of gild.

this toune, and arryvit heir vpon the day of May, vnder the conduct of the Marques of Argyll, Generall of the haill forces for the northern expedition, and sic lyke, ordanes the said deane of gild and thesaurar to vplift moneyes for repayment of sic soumes of money as John Denholme, commissar of the said armie hes receauit or sall receaue for the vse thairof, not exceiding the soume of and sic soumes as sall be vpliftit for that vse, that the provest, baillies, dean of gild, and thesaurar, give band for repayment thairof to the lenners, and that the hail counsell an communitie of this burghe be obleist to releive the saids magistratis, dean of gild, and thesaurar, of all danger that can follow thairwpoun, till ordour be taikin be the estaits for releif of the samen, conform to the act of consent gevin be the hail inhabitants of this toun, vpoun the tuentie nynt day of Maii, last bypast.

13 June 1644.

Complaint against the skipper of a ship of Kirkaldie.

13 *June* 1644.

The quhilk day anent the complaint geuin in befoir the saids baillies, be Andro Ritchiesone, burges of Anstruther, in name of John Walker, mariner, seruitour to the said Andro, againes Dauid Hutcheon, skipper and maister of ane ship of Kirkaldie, callit the alledgit commandit to fyre the gun vnderwreitin, George Gibson, guner, and Andro Zoole, mariner of the Dauid, his company alledgit fyrers of the said gun, for fyreing a great peice of ordinance of the said Kirkaldie ship, on the tuentie nynt day of May last bypast, within the water mouth of the river of Dee, shooteing the same out of ane sale port of the said ship, to the south shoar, the peice being chargit with a pock full of flint stones, and for shooteing the said John Walker thairwith in the left arme, a little vnder the elbow, to the great effussion of his blood, and appeirance of tinsele of his arme. The said Dauid Hutcheon. George Gibson, and Andro Zoole, being lawfullie warnit be James Farquar, ane of the ordinar officiaries of the said burghe, to haue compeirit vpon the penult day of the said moneth of May, befoir the prouest and baillies of the said burghe

of Aberdein, admirall deputes within the waters of Dee and Don, in their court, to have bene hauldin in the tolbuith of the said burghe, and the saids Dauid Hutcheon, George Gibson, and Andro Zoole, fleeing justice, haueing removeit themselues, with their ship and company, furth of the said harbourie of Aberdene, the mater was admittit be the saids baillies to the tryell of the witnessis vnderwreitin, viz: John Perie, servant to George Aikman skipper in Aberdein, and Archibald Fraser, in Torrie, quha being solemnelie sworne this day, befoir the saids magistrats, deponit be their great aith, that the said John Walker wes hurt in the said left arme be the shoote of the said gun, out of ane sald port of the said ship.

13 June 1644 — Complaint against the skipper of a ship of Kirkaldie.

14 *August* 1644.

14 August 1644.

The said day the counsell ordanes John Jaffray, deane of gild, to caus big ane court de guard in the place quher the malt mercat stands, be advise of my Lord Elcho, present colonell of this burghe for the regiment thairin.

A court de guard to be built.

Eodem die.

Eodem die.

The said day, the counsell ordanes Johne Jaffray, deane of gild, to caus mak thrie doubles of a table or brod, conforme to the proportion of that quhilk is alreadie maid, to be set up in severall places; and the remanent names of the benefactors of this burghe and colledge to be insert thairin.

Names of benefactors to be placed on brods.

3 *September* 1644.

3 Sept. 1644.

Mariore third spous to Wm. Gray, convict and put in amerciament, be the depositiones of sindry famous witnesses, admitit, sworne, and examined, for striking of Christian Telly with hir stikit neiff on the mouthe, to the effusion of hir bloode, and for calling hir perjured quyne. For the quhilk, the counsell adjudges the said Marioric in ane vnlaw of four punds money, to be payit to the dean of gild.

William Grays spouse convict of assault.

4 Sep. 1644.

4 *September* 1644.

The tonne to be put under arms on the approch of Irish rebels.

The quhilk day the counsell, in respect of the approache of Irishe rebells, ordanis the haill inhabitantis of this burghe, both frie and vnfrie, to be put in a warlike posture, and electit Patrik Leslie, younger, Thomas Meluill, Alexander Lumisdane, and Alexander Burnett of Schethokisley, to be capitanes for the four quarteris of this toune in maner following, viz.: the said Patrick Leslie, for the cruikit quarter, Thomas Melvill, for the evin quarter, Alexander Lumisdane for the greine quarter, and Alexander Burnet, for the futtie quarter, with libertie to ilk ane of the saids capitanes to chuise thair awne lievetentis, ancientis, and wther inferiour officiaris; lykas, the saids capitanes compeirand personallie, acceptit thair offices, in and vpoun them, and gaive thair aithes to discharge the same faithfullie.

Eodem die.

Eodem die.

Ordinance to the dean of gild.

The said day the counsall ordainis Johne Jaffray, deane of gild, to give to Alexander Gray, reider, twantie merkis money, quhilk salbe allowit to the said dean of gild in his accomptis, becaus the said Alexander hes few scholleres in his schoole in these troublesome tymes.

Eodem die.

Eodem die.

Anent the feicht at Aberdeine.

It is to be remembrit, but nevir without regrait, the great and heavie prejudice and lose quhilk this burghe did sustaine by the cruell and bloodie feicht and conflict, quhiche was fochtin betwixt the Crabstane and the Justice Mylnes, vpoun the threttein day of September, instant, betwixt ellevin houres befoir noone, and ane eftir noone, occassioned be the approaching of James, Marquis of Montroise, with thrie regimentis of Irishes, and of Atholl men, Stratherne men, and some others, thair adherentis, the said James Marquis of Montroise, haveing

requyrit the toune to be delyuerit vp to him, and haveing sent ane commissioner, with ane drummer for that effect, the magistrattes and counsell haueing consulted and advysed with Robert, Lord Burghlie, James, Vicount of Frendraught, Andro, Lord Fraser, diuerse barrones of this schyre, and with the commanders of the Fiff Regiment, quhilk wes then in armes with the inhabitantes of this toune, and with the forsaid noblemen and dyverse ready to oppose and resist the enemies incomeing, did refuise to rander the toune, and dismissed the commissioner and drummer, with answer to the said demand. Bot as they wer passing by the Fyffe Regiment, the drummer was vnhappily killed by some on or vther of the horsemen of our pairtie, as wes thoucht, quhairvpoun the feicht presentlie begane, and eftir tuo houres hote service or thairby, the said Fyff regiment, with oure haill tounes men and otheres of the schyre being thair for the present, overpowered by the number of the enemies, wer forced to tak the retrait, quhairn many of the Fyff regiment wer killed. And of our tounesmen were slaine that day, Maister Mathew Lumsdene, baillie, Tomas Buck, maister of kirkwork, Robert Leslie, maister of hospitallis, Maisters Alexander and Robert Reidis, advocattis, Andro and Thomas Burnettis, merchands, with many mae to the number neir of aucht scoir, for the enemie entring the toune immediatlie, did kill all, fold and young, whome they fand on streittes, amongst whome wer two of our touns officiaris, called Gilbert Breck and Patrick Ker. They brak vp the prisone hous doore, set all warderis and prisoneris to libertie, enterit in verie many houssis and plunderit thame, killing sic men as they fand within.

4 Sep. 1644. — Anent the feicht at Aberdeine.

25 *September* 1644.

25 Sep. 1644. — Mr of the kirk and bridge works

The said day James Robertson wes electit and chosin Mr of wark of Sanct Nicolas pariche kirk of this burghe and of the bridges of Dee and Don, and also of the calsies in month Cowy, for the yeir to come, wha, being personallie present, acceptit the said office in and vpon him, and gave his aith for faithfull administratioun thairin.

2 October 1644.

2 *October* 1644.

Ordinance to the dean of gild.

The same day the counsell ordaines Walter Cochran, deane of gild, to caus repair the ports of this burghe, and provyde sufficient keyes and locks thairto, and ordaines ane nichtlie watch to be keipit fra four hours efternoone to aucht hours in the morneing, be the inhabitants of this burghe, and euerie inhabitant that keips not deuty as thay sall be warnit, to pay fyve pundis money, *toties quoties*.

Eodem die.

Eodem die.

Act Dame Margarit Ker.

The quhilk day compeirit Dame Margaret Ker, relict of vnquhill Sir Thomas Crombie of Kenmay, knicht, and declarit that shee wes nominat executor to her said vnquhill husband in his letter will and testament quhairby he haid mortified and left in legacie to the said burghe the sowme of threttie twa thowsand merkis for provisioun of ane minister to the Grayfrier kirk, help of the principall and regentis of the colledge thairof, and for certane bursaris, and to the hospitalls of the said burghe particularlie sett doune in the said Sir Thomas his letter will, and that shee was most willing to fulfill the samyne conforme to the tennour thairof, in all poyntis, but could not be performit be hir while the said testament sould be confirmit; for confirmatioun thairof, it was necessar that thair sould be fund ane sufficient cautioner as vse is, and shee being a stranger in this cuntry, and vnable to furnish ane sufficient cautioner thairof, intreattit the said counsall to furnish hir ane sufficient cautioner for confirming of the said testament, be doing quhairof they wold conferr ane great favour and courtesie wpone hir. Lykas, shee promeisit to dvo nothing thairanent bot be thair advyse, to the effect the defuncts will micht be fulfilled as said is; and the counsall haveing considerit and fund that the said dame Margaret Ker, hir desyre and intreatie was most reasonable, acknowledging the great benefeitt and favour this burghe haid receivit of hir said vnquhill husband be his legacie foirsaid, appointit and

ordanit Mr Robert Farquhar of Mowny, provest, to bind and obleise himself as cautioner for the said Dame Margaret, hir discharge of the said office of executorie conform to the ordour observeit in sic caices. Lykas the said Mr Rober Farquhar, provest, declairit that he sould be willing at thair desyre sua to do, the counsall being alwayis obleist for his releiff, and the said counsall was then, and then as now band and obleist thame and thair successores, magistrattis, and counsall, to warrand, releive, and keip skaithles the said Mr Robert Farquhar, his aires, executores, and successors, of the cautionrie forsaid, and of all that may follow thairon.

2 October 1644.

Act Dame Margaret Ker.

9 *October* 1644.

9 October 1644.

Ordinance to the dean of gild.

The said day the counsall ordains Walter Cochrane, dean of gild, to wreit to Edinburgh to Master Robert Petrie, desyring him to buy sex sufficient lockis for the port's of this burghe, quhilk sall be allowit to him in his accomtpis, and sielyk ordainis the said dean of gild to buy two jupes of reid cloath to James Rany and Thomas Still, officiaris laitlie ordanit, quhilk also sall be allowit to him in his accompts.

16 *October* 1644.

16 October 1644.

Ordinance for ane Commission to be drawn up.

The said day the prowest, baillies, and counsalle ordaines ane commissioun to be drawn up to the persownes vndernamit for the caussis thairin mentioned, quhilk accordingly was done, quhairoff the tennour followis:—We, provest, baillies, dean of gild, and thesaurer of the burghe of Aberdein, for ourselffis and in name and behalff of the counsall and communitie of the said burghe, and takand the burden on ws for thame. Be the tennour heirof, geives full power, commissioun, and warrand to Johne Hay, Thomas Mortimer, present baillies, Mr Thomas Gray, George Morisone, lait baillies, George Cullen, James Robertson, Richard Alexander, Arthur Dalgarno, Mr Patrick and Johne Chalmeris, William Pettrie, Robert Smyth, Master Thomas Lumsdene, Paull Colinsoun,

16 October 1644.

Ordinance for ane commission to be drawn up

Alexander Burnett of Schethokisley, Adam Gordoun, Williame Jack, Mr Alexander Davidsoun, Alex. Farquhar, Henry Dune, Gilbert Leslie, Thomas Paip, George Barclay, Doctor Patrick Dune, Alexander Robertsoun, and William Cuthbert, burgessis of Aberdein, or any twalff of thame, to go and meit with James, Marques of Montroise, commander and cheiff of the army approaching towards this toune, and to expone and declaire to him the present desolation, miserie, and distresse of the said burghe, and to vse all argumentis and motives for disswading the inbringing of his army within the same, and with power to the foirnamet persounes or to so many of thame as sall happin to conveine and meit for the tyme, being twalff, the saids Johne Hay, Thomas Mortimer, Master Thomas Gray, George Cullen, George Moresoun, and Mr Patrick Chalmer, or any four of thame being of the number of the twalff, to provyd and furnishe to the said airmy meat, drink, and sic vther necessaris as they sall find requisit, and quhilk for the tyme they sie cannot be goodlie vndone, but prejudice to the toun, and to do all and sindrie vther things quhilk they sall find and esteime convenient requisite or necessar for the guid of the said burghe, and eschewing the imminent danger thairof.

6 *November* 1644.

6 Nov. 1644.

Dispensatioun with the mort cloth buriale of these wha wer killed be the Irishes.

The same day the provest, baillies, and counsell dispences with the dewes and casualities payable for the buriallis and mort clothes gevin to all these persounes wha wer killed be the Irishes in the lait conflict or vtherwayis

13 *November* 1644.

13 Nov. 1644.

Report Robertson.

The said day James Robertson, maister of kirk wark, maid his report in counsell anent the visiting of the tounes marches, lands, and mosses, belonging to the freedome of this burghe, and declaired that to his conjectur and the conjecturs of John Johnstoun of Frosterhill, and Alexr.

Blak, younger, their wes thrie bollis sowing takin in be the laird of Petfoddellis, at the hill of faulds, and a litle quhet at Gilcumstoun, not considerable, and that they fand reid land within the tounes marches, in that peice land quhilk John Irving of Murthill and Mr Hew Irving of Beildsyde desyrit to have beine sold to them, and that thay fand about thrie bollis sowing takin in neir the wedder craig. Lykeas the said James declairit that (as he wes informed be the foirnamed John Johnstoun and Alexr. Black), the haill auld toun people did cast thair fewall in the touns commontie.

13 Nov. 1644. — Report Robertson.

Eodem die.

Eodem die.

The said day the counsell ordaines James Colinson, thesaurar, efter compt and reckoning betwixt him and George Cullen, lait thesaurar, to tak vp moneyes for payment to the said George of suche moneyes as sall be restand to him for quartering of the Marques of Huntlie, his sojors.

Ordinance to the thesaurar.

20 *November* 1644.

20 Nov. 1644. — Court de guard to be biggit.

The samen day, the provest, baillies, and counsell ordanes Walter Cochrane, dean of gild, to caus build ane court de guard for the Earle of Louthian, his regiment, in that place of the Castellget quher the meill mercat stoode, with all convenient diligence. . . .

27 *November* 1644.

27 Nov. 1644. — Act anent Mr James Reid.

The said day the provest, baillies, and counsell in respect that Mr James Reid, eldest lawfull sone to vmquhill Mr Alexr. Reid, burges of this burghe, but any licience, hade raised the lair stane of vmquhill Provest Reid, sometyme laird of Petfoddellis, in the new kirk, befoir the sessioun hous doore, and hade caused lay his vmquhill father and vmquhill Mr

27 Nov. 1644. — ct anent Ir James eid.

Robert Reid, his father brother, vnder the said stane, wha wer both killed in the lait battell at Aberdein, the 13 September last, and hade causit defease the name and armes of the said vmquhill provest Reid, and put on the name and armes of his said vmquhill father and vncle thairon: ordaines the said Mr James Reid to content and pay to James Robertsone, maister of kirk wark, the soume of ane hundreth punds, Scots money, and sielyke to caus put on a fair plait of brase vpon the said stane, be the sicht and advise of the said counsell, beareing that the said stane wes laid thair be the said laird of Petfoddells, bearing also his name, armes, and motto, with ane inscriptioun as the counsall sall sett doun, and the maister of kirk wark in all tyme comeing to have power to raise the said stane whan the graves ar ryp and to lay any man thairin, as vnder any other stane within the said kirk, so that no man sall challange any propertie thairto.

4 *December* 1644.

4 Dec. 1644. — Will admittit bellman.

The said day anent the supplicatioun gewin in to the provest, baillies, and counsall be Alexander Will, tailzeour, makand mentioun that whair it hath pleased God to call to himselff William Scott, lait bellman within this burght, and that ye said office was now vaccand in your hands, and at thair honoures dispositioun, humelie thairfoir desyrand thair honoures of the counsall to admit him to ye said office and casualiteis belonging thairto, ffor the quhilk he sould be ane dilligent and obedient servand in ye said office, as at mair lenth is containit in the said supplicatioune: Quhilk being hard, red, seine, and considerit be ye said counsall, and thei therwith ryplie and at lenth advysed, they all in ane voce admittit and receauit, and be the tennour heirof admittis and receaives the said Alexander Will supplicant to ye said office of bellman, and ordanis him presentlie to receave the said bell from James Colinsoun, thesaurer of this burghe, and to vse and exerce the same, vptak, and receaive the benefeitt, dewes, and casualities belonging thairto, and to attend and serve the takisman of the

customes of the meill and malt mercattis in vptaking of the fruittis and vtheris belonging to the said office, and to mak just compt reckoning and payment of the same as his predicessors was in vse for to doe, and that dureing the will and pleasure of the said provest, baillies, and counsall allenarly. And sielyk ordains the said Alexander Will to set sufficient cautioune and sovertie for his good cariage and behaviour in his said office, and faithfull discharging thairof, vtherwayis this present act to be null.

4 Dec. 1644.

Will admittet bellman.

Eodem die.

Eodem die.

The said day the counsell ordaines the baxteres within this burghe to giue thair solemne aithes vpun such particular numbers of bread as they haue furnisht to soiours but warrand from any of the baillies, dean of gild, or thesaurer, and ordainis Walter Cochrane, deane of gild, to mak payment to the saids baxteres for the samen bread furnisht be thame conforme to thair depositiounes.

Anent baxteres.

6 *December* 1644.

6 Dec. 1644.

The said day compeirit John Rob, burges of Edinburgh, and actit and obleist him to mak and haue in readines aucht locks conforme to the example gevin to him therof, and that betwixt the dait heirof and the secund day of Februar nixt to came, 1645, ffor the quhilk Walter Cochrane, deane of gild, obleisses him to pay to the said John fyue merks and ane half for ilk ane of the said locks, they being sufficientlie wrocht, and to the said Walter his contentment, conforme to the said patron.

Locks to be in readines.

Eodem die.

Eodem die.

Anent the payment for tuo sojours.

The said day compeirit James Murray, elder, and actit and obleist him cautioner for John Scot, that he sall pay for house roume, fyr, candle, and salt, to tuo sojors of this present regiment dureing their abode within this toun, and if it sall happin that any moir sojors be quartered in this toun heirefter, in that caice the said James obleissis him as cautioner foirsaid, that he sall bear equall burden with the rest of the inhabitantis of the toun, and the said John actit him to releive his cautioner.

11 Dec. 1644.

11 *December* 1644.

Report Moir of his commission.

The quhilk day Maister Williame Moir, lait baillie, maid his report in counsall anent the commissioun gewin to him for suteing Mr James Wood, minister at Dunnino, to be Professor of Divinitie and minister of the Grayfrier kirk of this burgh, with the quhilk report the said counsall was weill pleasit, and ordanit the said commissioun to be farder prosecute.

18 Dec. 1644.

18 *December* 1644.

Anent Mr George Robertson his mortification

The samen day the counsall considering the great respect shown be Maister George Robertsoune, notar public, burges of Aberdeine, and his forderance of pious workis within this burghe, by mortifieng his foirland vnder and aboue, with the pertinentis lyand in the heid of the Bredget to the minister of the Grayfrier kirk, and ane thowsand markis to a bursar in the Grammer Schoole, with thrie hundreth merkis to the fabrick of Sanct Nicolas kirk, ane hundreth merkis to the Gild Brethrenes Hospital, and

fyftie merkis to the common poore supported be the kirk sessioun of this burghe, and being willing to recompence Robert Robertsoun, cordener his cousing german and narrest air in some measure, quha is bot an poore man, and has ratified and approwin the said vmquhill Mr George, his testamen, legacies, and dispositioune, in all poyntis, and hes of new disponit the said foirland, vnder and aboue, with the pertinentis for the vse foirsaid.

18 Dec. 1644. — Anent Mr George Robertson his mortification.

21 *December* 1644.

21 Dec. 1644. — Caution for pay for two sojours.

The twantie ane of December 1644, In presence of Alex. Jaffray, bailzie, compeirit George Farquhar, burges of Aberdene, and becam actit as cautioner for Gilbert Duffes, burges of the said burghe, that he sould pay for hous rowme in bygone tymes, and to come, for two sojoris of this present regiment during thair abode in this towne, and if it sall happin that any moir sojoris be quarterit in this toune heyrefter, in that caice the said George obleist him as cautioner foirsaid, that he sall bear equall burden with the rest of the inhabitantis of the town, and the said Gilbert obleisis him to relieve his cautioner of the premisses aboue written.

9 *January* 1645.

9 Jan. 1645. — Act anent advancing of money to the Louthian regiament.

The said day the haill toun for the maist pairt being convenit in the tolbuith be tuk of drum passing throw the haill toun, at command of the magistrats, it wes exponit to the inhabitants of the said toun be Mr Robert Farquhar, provest, that the commanders of the Earle of Louthians regiment, now in this toun, first desyrit inlargement of their quarters for the aucht man to be eikit to their said regiament as a recreew, extending

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to fyve hundreth men or theirby, moir nor is presentlie in the toun; and that the saids commanders lykewayes desyrit that they sall haue peyit and advancit to them out of the toun, for the space of thrie or four weiks, the soume of tuelf shillings Scots money, for ilk sojor weiklie of their whole regiament, or otherwayes the saids commanders wald quarter the said regiament freelie vpon the saids inhabitants at thair plesure, and quhair they sould think maist expedient. And the saids haill inhabitants, convenit as said is, all in ane voice declairit that they wer neither able to advance the said tuelf shillings weiklie to ilk sojor, nor to giue them free quarters, and that since the estaits wer pleased to giue warrand to the shyre for payment to ilk sojour of four shillings money ilk day for their said intertanyment, and that said shyre had not obeyit the ordour of the saids estaits, it wer no reasone that for disobedience of the same shyre, thay themselues, wha for the maist pairt were altogidder depauperat, herried, and disabled, sould be punished for the shyrs fault, and forced beyond their possibilitie to supplie their defects, and protestit if they wer overburdenit, they wald leave the toun.

15 Jan. 1645.

Act Mr Thomas Gray and remanent masteris of the correction hous.

15 *January* 1645.

The said day anent the supplication gevin in to the counsell, be Mr Thomas Gray, lait baillie, burges of this burghe, for himselff, and in name and behalff of the remanent compartineries of the manufactorie for making of broad cloth within this burghe, and also in name and behalf of the remanent merchands, furnishers of the cloth, and vther merchand wairis efter mentionat, makand mention that quhair the said Mr Thomas and they did expon and declair to their honors of the counsell on the day of the election how the Marques of Montroise did desyre and require thame to furnishe so much English cloth and baise to the Irish officiars, with furnitur for four sutes to four of the prymest of them; as lykewayes that they

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sould furnish, for himselff and Colonel Sibbald, so muche dropdeberry, London cloth, taffatie and vther furnitur, vtherwayes they wald not be able to saiff the boothes of the toun unplunderit altogidder, for what wes plunderit and takin in privat houssis wes but ordour, bot if this haid bein denyed to the said Marques, all wald haue been takin be ordour: This they did communicat to so many of the cheifest honest men that they culd find in the toun, wha desyred thame to caus answer the same, and that it was reasone it sould come in with the touns commoun burdens: Lykeas they haue produceit the just compts of what wes desyred, all that wes by and attour the thrie boothes wes for the maist pairt plunderit, beseiking therfor their honours of the counsell to tak the premisses to thair consideration, and if present payment culd not be hade, desyrand the same to be takin in with the touns commoun debt, and payit whan the toun wes able to doe the same, as in the said supplication at mair lenth is contenit. Quhilk being red, sein, and considerit be the said counsell, and they therwith ryplie and at lenth advised, the saids prouest, baillies, and counsell, finds and declairs the supplicants petition to be reasoneable, and that they ocht and sould be satisfied and payit for the merchand wairis advanced and deliuerit be them, and mentionat in the said supplication and compt gevin in thairwith; and for payment thairof ordanes the haill body of the toun to be convenit and stentit (eximing alwayes fra the said stent the persones wha wer totallie plunderit); and ordanes the said stent to be delayed and continoued till the moneyes borrouit be the magistrats of this burghe fra the nichtbouris within the same, for the vse of the publict, and for the quarters restand for the Fyff regiment be first payit; and farder, ordanes the particular compts and pryces thairof to be visited and fund reasoneable after tryall thairof, in presens of ane of the baillies, and of James Robertson, master of kirkwark, whose hands sall be set to the saids compts.

Eodem die.

Eodem die.

Act anent the garden at the Woman Hill in favouris of Alexander.

The said day anent the supplication govin in be Mr John Alexander, advocat in Edinburgh, makand mention that quhair that peice of ground callit the Playfeild, besyd the Womanhill (quhilk wes set to vmquhill George Jameson, painter, burges of Edinburgh, in liferent, and buildit be him in a garden), is now vnprofitable, and that the said Mr John Alexander, son-in-law to the said vmquhill George, is desyreous to have the same peice of ground set to him in few heretable, to be hauldin of the provest, balllies, counsell, and communitie of the burghe of Aberdein and thair successoris, for peyment of a reasonable few deutie yeirly thairfoir: Humblie thairfoir supplicating thair honours of the counsell to set in few heretable to him the foirsaid peice of ground for payment of a reasonable feu deutie yeirlie, as in the said supplication at mair lenth is contenit: Quhilk being red, sein, and considerit, and they thairwith ryplie, and at length advysed, the saids provest, baillies, and counsall ordanes ane heretable few charter to be past and exped to the said Mr John Alexander, his aires, maill, and successores, of the foirsaid plot of ground, callit the Playfeild, a garden sometyme possest be the said vmquhill George Jameson, for payment of four pundis Scotis money yeirlie of few deutie to the touns thesaurar and his successors at Witsunday and Martimes in winter, be equall portions, the first terms payment to be and begin at the feast and terme of nixt to come, and sua furth, yeirlie, in all tymes heirafter, and ordanes the limits of the said garden to be set doun and boundit in the foirsaid charter after the sichting of the ground be the said provest and baillies, quhilk the counsell appoints to be visited the morne, and that in respect the haill inhabitants of this burghe being convenit within the tolbuith of the same, vpon the seivint day of January instant, they all in ane voice but any contradiction gaue their expres consent and assent to the heretable fewing of the said peice of ground vpon sic conditiones and for payment of sic yeirlie few as the magistrats and councell sould think expedient.

25 *January* 1645.

25 Jan. 1645.

Barnet cationer for Gordon.

The said day compeirit Alexr. Barnet, indweller in Aberdene, and became actit cationer for Alexr. Gordon, indweller in the said burghe, that the said Alexr. Gordon sall content and pay to Capitane John Straquhan the soume of thrie scoir ten merkis Scots, or any vtheris in his name, haveand the said Capitane his warrand, betwixt the dait heirof and the aucht day of Aprile nixt to come, togidder with tuentie merkis money in caise of faillie by and attour the said principall soume, and the said Alexr. Gordon actit him to relieve his said cationer, and for that effect hes presentlie delinerit and disponit to the said Alexr. Barnet, his haill horsse, nolt, and vtheris guidis belonging to him, for the farder relieff of the said cautionrie.

4 *February* 1645.

4 Feb. 1645.

Act anent quartering Louthian's regiament.

The said day the haill toun being convenit for the maist pairt in the tolbuith, be tuk of drum passing throw the haill toun, at command of the magistrats, and at desyr of the major and capitans of the Earle of Louthian's regiament, it was exponit to them be the said Mr Robert Farquhar, provest, that the saids officeris did still insist aither for payment of a shilling sterling to ilk sojour weikly, or vtherwayes free quarters to the said sojours for the space of a moneth. Lykeas immediately thairefter James Liddell, major of the said regiament, did compeir and of new againe proponit the same himself to the saids inhabitantis, and declairit that if they wald grant any of the premisses, whatsumever sall be exacted aff them sall be repayed in the first end of the moneyes and deuties to be vplifted out of the shyre for the sojours vse, and assured them that whether they got releiff from the estaits or shyre or not for thair intertanyment, the free quartering of the saids sojours, or payment of a shilling sterling for ilk ane of them weikly, sould indure no longer nor the space of

4 Feb. 1645. — Act anent quartering Louthian's regiament.

a moneth or four weiks, and if the inhabitants wald not grant to any of the former conditiones, the said major assured tham he wald quarter the sojours at random instantlie vpon the haill inhabitants of the toun at his pleasure. And the saids haill inhabitants for eschewing of the inconvenience that may ensew vpon free quartering at random, albeit their wes no warrant from the estaitis for any sutche demand, did condiscend to pay the said shilling sterling for ilk sojour for the space foirsaid, and wes content that the toune sould be stentit for that effect.

11 Feb. 1645. — Stentars named for the taxation for Louthians regiament.

11 *February* 1645.

The said day the toun being again convenit, it wes exponit be the said Thomas Mortimer, that seing vpon the fourt day of Februar instant, they hade condiscendit to advance a shilling sterling to ilk sojour weiklie of the Earle of Louthians regiament for the space of four weiks, and that the haill toun sould be stentit for payment theirof, it wes now expedient that stentars sould be chosin for that effect, and the saids inhabitants namit and designit the persons following for setting down a stent roll of the said taxation—viz., Mr Thomas Gray, George Cullen, James Robertson, James Smith, Wm. Petrie, Wm. Forbes, elder, Charles Robertsone, Charles Dune, Patrik Moir, Alexr. Farquhar, Robert Smith, Mr Thomas Lumisdane, Patrik Dovie, Robert Forbes of Robislaw, Patrick Annand, baxter, Wm. Ord, wricht, James Chrystie, tailycour, Wm. Sangster, wolster, Alexr. George, smith, and George Farquheir, cordiner, quhilks persons being personallie present acceptit of the said office in and vpon them, and gave their aiths *de fideli administratione*, and promist to giue furth ane stent roll subscribit with thair hands to the baillies, and the toun convenit as said is, obleist thame to pay accordinglie, ilk ane their owne pairtis as they sall be stentit.

13 *February* 1645.

13 Feb. 1645.

Caution for Reids remaining within burgh and paying taxations.

The said day in presens of Thomas Mortimer, baillie, compeirit George Farquhar, merchand burges of Aberdein, and became actit cautioner for John Reid, merchand burges of the said burghe, that he sall reside and remaine within the said burghe, and pay taxation and vther dewes sic as sall be impoised vpon the inhabitants, and that he sall giue fyre, candle, and house roume to sic soiours as the prowest and baillies of the said burghe sall injoyn vpon the said John Reid, and the said George obleissis him to pay sic taxationes and vther dewes as sall be impoised on the said John Reid, and in caise the said John faillie in making of his residence within this burghe, in that caice the said George Farquhar sall be lyable to what vnlaw the counsell sall modifie for the said John his residence in caise of contraventioun heireftir.

7 *March* 1645.

7 March 1645.

Commissioneris chosin to go to Montroise.

The said day the persones vndernamed haveing met, viz., John Hay, Thomas Mortimer, baillies; Mr Thomas Gray, George Moresone, lait baillies; George Cullen, Robert Forbes of Robislaw; Mr John Alexander, James Robertsone, Thomas Melvill, Robert Smith, Gilbert Hervie, Alexander Ramsay, Patrik Moir, Arthur Dalgardno, Richard Alexander, Henry Dune, Charles Robertson, George Barclay, James Farquhar, Alexander Thomesone, Alexr. Alexander, and Gilbert Andersone, younger, and haveing considderit the warrand and commissioun gevin be the provest, baillies, deane of gild, thesaurar, and maist pairt of the counsellouris of this burghe, daitit the sexteint day of October last bygane, geveand power to send commissioners to speak with James, Marques of Montroise, and to expon and remonstratt to his lordschip the necessiteis, povertie, and indigence of this burghe, and to vse all perswasive motives and arguments to disswade the inbringing of his army within this burghe, the foirnamit personis electit, nominat, and chousit the said Mr Thomas

7 March 1645. — Commissioners chosin to go to Montroise.

Gray, George Moresone, Mr John Alexander, and George Cullen, commissioners, to goe out and meit with the said Marques of Montroise, quhair his army now lyes at Forg for the effect befoir specifeit, and sielyke electit Richard Alexander and George Barclay to accompany the saids four commissioners, and to receaue ordours and directions from them to stay with thame, goe befoir thame, or returne as the said commissioners sould think expedient, and did ratific and approve the same commission and warrand abouementioned in the haill heids, articles, and conditiones thairof, and in euerie point of the same.

Memorandum.—It is heir to be remembrit that ther wes no counsell from the said sewint day of March to the fourtein day of May thaireftir, inrespect that Montroise and his army wer in thir feildis, and daylie repairing to this burghe.

12 May 1645.

12 *May* 1645.

Caution in respect of an apparent mutinous insurrection of the craftismen.

The quhilk day Patrik Annand, deacon conveiner; James Crystie, deacon of the tailyeouris; William Ord, deacon of the wrichts and coupers; Alexr. George, deacon of the hammermen; Alexr. Williamsone, deacon of the baxters; Alexr. Clerk, deacon of the wobsters; John Henry, deacon of the cordiners; John Scot, tailyeour; William Nicolsone, wobster; Thomas Walker, cordiner; Alexr. Annand, wricht; Peter Shirres, cordiner; Johne Maleis, couper; Magnus Robertsone, wricht; William Andersone, couper; and Andro Kellie, baxter; Andro and James Smithes, hammermen; William and Alexander Sangsters, being requirit be the saids baillies to set sufficient caution for keiping of his Maiesties peace within this burghe, for themselues, thair servandis, and vthers whom they may stop or lett inrespect of ane present apparent convocation and mutinous insurrection intendit be the haill craftismen of this burghe, their servands, prenteissis, and adherents; the saids deacones, maisters, and euerie ane of thame vndersubscryveand be the tenour heirof, become actit and binds and obleissis thame and ilkane of them as cautioun and soverties for vthers, and for thair prenteisses, servands, and vthers whom they may

stop or lett; that they and everie ane of them sall keip and observe his Maiesties peace within the said burghe, liberties, and freedome thairof in tyme comeing, and sall not mak any convocatioun or insurrectioun or countenance or be present at any such vnlauchfull meitings, but sall behave themselues discreitlie and modestlie as becomes civill citizens and burgars vnder the pain of four hundreth merks Scots money to be payit be ilk contraveiner, maister, prenteise, or servand, to the dean of gild, to be imployit vpon the commoun effairs of this burghe, and ilk ane of thame obleist thameselues to releive vthers of the haill contents of this present act, and of all that may follow heiron. *Sic subscribitur*, Patrik Annand, etc.

12 May 1645. — Caution in respect of an apparant mutinous insurrection of the craftsmen.

28 *May* 1645.

28 May 1645 — Ratification of commission for John Hay, Thomas Mortimer, etc.

The said day the provest, baillies, and counsall ratifies and approves ane former warrand and commission maid and subscryvit be thame of the dait the 16 day of October 1644 yeires, whairby they gave full commission and warrand to John Hay, Thomas Mortimer, present baillies; Mr Thomas Gray, George Moresone, lait baillies; George Cullen, James Robertsone, etc., burgessis of Aberdein or any tuelff of them to goe and meit with James Marques of Montroise, commander and chief of the army approaching towards this toune, and to expon and declair to him the present desolatioun, miserie, and distres of this burghe, and to vse all argumentis and motives for disswadeing the inbringing of his army within the same, and with power to the foirnamed persones, or to so many of them as sall happin to convein and meit for the tyme, being tuelf, the saids John Hay, Thomas Mortimer, Mr Thomas Gray, George Cullen, George Moresone, and Mr Patrik Chalmer, or any four of them being of the number of the tuelf, to provyd and furnish to the said army, meat, drink, and sic other necessars as they sould think requisite, and quhilk for the tyme they saw culd not be gudelie vndone, but prejudice to this toun; and to do all and sindry vther things quhilk they sould find and esteeme convenient, requisit, or neccessar for the gude of the said burghe,

28 May 1645. — Ratification of Commission for John Hay, Thomas Mortimer, etc.

and eschewing the imminent danger thairof in the haill heids, articles, claussis, and conditiounes of the samen, and allowes and approwes of all thair proceidinges, and whatsumewer wes done be thame in absence of the remanent magistratis, and also prorogats and continoves the same commission, and ordanes it to remaine in full strenth, force, and vigour dureing the continovance of the present troubles within this kingdome.

5 *June* 1645.

5 June 1645. — Weyhous and packhous set to Alexr. Clerk.

The said day the haill toun being convenit for the maist pairt be the hand bell passing throw the haill toun within the tolbuithe of this burghe, to hear and sie the tounes commoun packhous and weyhous roupit with the lofts and sellars thairof, togidder with the pheisses and all dewties and casualities belonging thairto for the publiet vse and gude of the toun; and efter publiet rouping, and na man haweing offerit thairfor, in end the samen wes set to Alexander Clerk, wolster, burges of Aberdene, for the space of ane yeir, or three yeirs in the optioun of the said Alexander Clerk, fra Witsonday last bygane in this instant yeir of God 1645 yeiris, quhilk began the said Alexander his entrie thairto be vertue of this present set, for yeirlie payment of the soume of aucht hundreth and ten merkis Scots money, yeirly and ilk yeir, at the feastis and termes of Martimes and Whitsonday be equall portions, the first termes payment therof beginand at the feast and terme of Martimes nixt to come in the yeir of God foirsaid, and sua furth termelie thairefter dureing the said space of ane or thrie yeiris in the option of the said Alexander, and sielyke vphaulding sufficientlie vpon his owne charges and expenssis the great pheisses, with the pheisses, stangs, and nets thairof dureing the said space, and deliuering the same back agane at the expyring of the said tak, haill and sufficient for service as the samen is presentlie deliuerit to him, conform to the inventar thereof efter following, viz.—In the first four great staffs within the great Barrowes, with four nets, four keyes, and thumb key, with four

round sheiths that goes on befoir the nets; aucht bloks of tree, sextein yron cleikis, with four towes for heissing vp and doun the barrowes, four formes and tua almries; aucht clogs and four rolls, ane back doore and ane foir doore with yron slots within yron, ane foirdoore with lock and key thairin, ane half doore thairto, ane dwang with ane houfe vnder the stair doore, lock and key yron, tua great wages of tree. *Item*, A pair of litle barrowes with sex staffis and aucht nets, without aither towes, bloks, keyes, or cleiks, and wes never put to work, twa windowes with bands and slots all belonging to the packhous. *Item*, Fourtein new yron weychts at feftie pund the peice is sewin hundreth pund weycht; ane new great yron weycht of ane hundreth pund. *Item*, Ane old weicht. *Item*, Ane vther old weycht of tuentie pund; ane yron quarter of fyve pund weycht. *Item*, Ane yron weycht of twa pund half pund; tua troise stanes, tua half troise stanes, ane troise quarter, thrie troise tua punds, and ane troise pund; ane studie with doore and litle slot yron; ane window with a litle slot yron; ane wreiting burde and stoole, a litle taffold for holding of the small weichtis. *Item*, Thrie baaks, ane of thame yron, and tua of tree; thrie pair of brods, and ane new pair of brodis; ane great old lock and a half doore, thrie great yron cleikis for hinging of the bak. *Item*, Aucht loftis with four great back doores, with thair slotis, four hich windowes, with thair slotis, thrie laich windowes, with yron stancheons; ane windo with yron stancheons, and ane brod, aucht doores with thair lockis and keyes, the eistmest lauch loft has ane vther doore with slot and steple; ane yron weycht weying tuentie fyve troise punds, the gawell doore with ane yron slot, ane vther doore, ane foir doore, with lock and key, aucht aikin daills or plankis, tua great tries for the barrowes: Provydeing alwayes if the said Alexr. Clerk happin to continow in possessing of the said packhous and weyhous attour the space of ane yeir fra his entrie, then and in that caice the said Alexr. salbe hauldin and obleist to continow and keip the said packhous and weyhous for the said haill spaice of thrie yeirs fra his said entrie, for payment of the deutie abouewreitin. Lykeas for that effect the said Alexr. Clerk, as principall, and also James

5 June 1645. — Weyhous and packhous set to Alex. Clerk.

5 June 1645.

Weyhous and packhous set to Alex. Clerk.

Crystie, tailyeour, burges of Aberdeen, as cationer, sovertie, and full debtor for and with him, become actit and obleist conjunctlie and seuerallie to content, pay, and deliuer to the thesaurar of the said burghe for the tyme, all and haill the foirsaid soume of aucht hundreth and ten merks money foirsaid, at the termes of payment vseit and wont, as lykewayes to deliuer to the said thesaurer the haill barresse and vtheris aboue wreitin, conforme to the inventar, sufficient for wark at the expyreing of his tak of the said packhous and weyhous, and the said Alex. Clerk actit him to releive his said cautioner of the premisses, and of all that may follow thairon; mairover the said Alexander obleisses him and his foirsaids to give lawfull premonition, fourtie dayes befoir the expyreing of his said tak aither at the end of the first yeir, or at the end of the said thrie yeiris to the thesaurar of the said burghe for the tyme.

Eodem die.

5 *June* 1645.

Anent repayment of moneyes and guids advancit to the armie of Montrose.

The said day the haill toun being warnet be tuk of drum passing throw the haill toun, and conveinand for the maist pairt within the tolbuith, it wes exponit to thame be the said Mr Robert Farquhar, prowest, that the tyme of Montroise with his army wer lying at Kintor and Innerurie, neir the toun, in the moneth of Marche last, and did send in Alex. M'Donell with a regiment of Ireshes for buricing of Donald Farquharson, for eschewing of razeing, burneing, plundering, and sacking of the toun, quhilk wes feared at that tyme, the magistrats, by adyise and consent of a great pairt of the toun than present, gaue ordour to diverse merchands and inhabitants for advanceing and furnisheing of moneyes, cloth, apparrell, and vther furnitour to the capitans and other officiaris of the said army, amounting to the soume of fourtein hundreth and fourtie pundis Scots money, and that the monethly mainteneance for the armies payable be this burghe, conforme to the ordour of estaits extending monethlie for the space of sex monethe to the soume of

money, behovit to be payit now with

diligence, and the magistratis ar alreadie chargit thairfore, and the saids soumes could not be payit, bot a stent and generall taxation of the haill inhabitants of the toun, thairfoir desyrit the saids inhabitants to grant to the said taxation, and chuise stentars for seting of the samen; and the saids inhabitants grantit to the said taxation, and chuisit the persons following as stentars thairof, viz.: Mr Thomas Gray, Mr Wm. Moir, &c., &c., to be stentars to the said taxation, wha being all personallie present, acceptit of the said office in and vpon them, and gaue their aithes *de fideli administratione*.

5 June 1645. — Anent repayment of moneyes and gudis advanceit to the army of Montroise.

11 *June* 1645.

11 June 1645.

The quhilk day, anent the supplication gevin in to the provest, baillies, and counsell be Robert Melvill, sone to vmquhill David Melvill, stationer, burges of this burghe, makand mention that quhair his said vmquhill father being bot ane cautioner for Edward Raban, printer, of this burghe, for payment to the maister of mortified moneys of this burghe, off the principall soume of fyue hundreth merkis Scots money, yit be his owne consent befoir his death allowit that suche ane number of bookes sould be gevin to thair honors of the counsell for satisfactioun of the said soume: lykeas it pleasit thair worships of the counsall to geue the credit of the selling thairof to the supplicant, vpon suche pryces thairof, and ay and till they wer sold, without any definite tyme, becaus the supplicant culd not tak vpon him to be comptable for the moneyes and pryces thairof, but according as the occasioun sould serve that the bookes wer bocht be severall persones wha pleasit to buy, quhilk incertantie micht postpon the full payment many yeirs, and that not throw any fault in the supplicant, becaus he never barganed vtherwayes bot to give payment as he sould receave it, beseikand, thairfoir, the counsell to tak to their consideratioun how moir certanelie and shortlie their worships micht be satisfied, if it wald pleas thame to consider of the supplicants gude offer, which was, that he micht be imployit for ruleing of the clokis and bells

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within this burghe, ay and quhill the tyme that the payment, which is termlie for such a work, may exhaust the full soume of the bookes quhilk as yit is to the foir, and wald be a most sure and certane payment to the toun, and that within a definit tyme; quhairas the other course hes not, nor cannot, have any definit course or certane tyme, as at mair lenth is contenit in the said supplication: Quhilk being red, sein, and considerit be the said counsell, and thay tharwith ryplie, and at lenth advysed, the saids provest, baillies, and counsall nominats and appoints the said Robert to enter presentlie with the keiping and ruleing of the tounes commoun clokis, towit, the tolbuith clok, the clok of the kirk, and colledge kirk; as lykewayes appoints him to ring the touns commoun bell in the tolbuith at fyve houres in the morneing, and nyn houres at even, and ilk Wedinsday at aucht houres in the morneing; and also ilk Thursday at twa houres efternoon, to the dean of gild court; and ordanes the fie dew to him thairfoir to be allowit in payment of the tua hundreth and sewintie aucht punds fyftein s. four d., restand be the said Robert to the said maister of mortified moneyes, conforme to the desyre of the said Robert his supplication; and if he sall be fund deficient, to be removed vpon his first fault; and the counsell ordanes the superplus of the foirsaid soume that sall be restand be him the tyme of his removeall to be payit be the said Robert within sex moneths efter his removeing, notwithstanding he wes not obleist abefoir for payment of the same till the bookes deliuerit to him sould have been first sold; lykeas the said Robert being personallie present, acceptit the said charge in and vpon him, and promist to doe ane honest deutie thairin, and instantlie receavet from Alex. Willox, lait ruler of the saids clokis and bells, the key of the barress and steple of the Grayfreir Kirk, quhilk opens also the doore of the clok, and the key that opens the Grayfreir Kirk doore, *Item*, the key of the kirk doore of Sanct Nicolas Kirk, with ane key for ye doores of the lauch and high tolbuith.

Eodem die.

11 June 1645.

Ordinance to the dean of gild.

The said day the provest, baillies, and counsell, ordanes Walter Cochrane, dean of gild, to speik any of the Flanders merchands for bringing home of tua stangs and aucht sufficient mites for the pheissis in the packhouse, and being brocht home, ordanes the thesaurar to pay for the same, quhilk sall be allowit to him in his compts.

28 *June* 1645.

28 June 1645.

Act anent ane nichtlie watche.

It wes exponit be the said Mr Robert Farquhar, provest, that the plague of pestilence is rageing abroad in this kingdome, and dyverse of our nichtbours burges infected thairwith: lykeas the same wes come neirer to our selues, being in the schirrefdome of Angus, quharin the touns of Drumkillo and Kirktoun of Megle wer infected with the said plague, as we ar informed. And theirfoir the magistratis thocht fitt and ordanit that ane strict watch sall be keipit at the Bridge of Dee, Blockhous, and euerie port within this burghe, by day aswcill as by nicht; towit, four men armed at the said bridge, four at the blockhous, and tua at euerie ane of the portis of this burghe, euerie watch to continow for the space of tuentie four hours, beginning at nyn hours at nicht, and comeing off at nyne hours on the morne at nicht; and sicklyke ordanes the haill ports within the same to be closit at nyne hours at nicht, and not to be opened till four hours in the morneing; assureing and certifeing these wha sall be warnit and compeirand not be thameselues in proper persone, for keiping of the said watch, being fencible, that they, and euverie ane of thame sall be punished, censured, and vnlawit for their absence, at the discretion of the magistrats.

14 July 1645.

Commissioun to Moriesoun, Cullen, and Alexander.

14 *July* 1645.

The quhilk day, it being exponit and shawin to the saids persones of counsall be the foirnameit John Hay, baillie, that thair was ane strict warrand direct this day from the Marquese of Montroise, his campe at Craigtoune, to the saids baillies and counsall of this burghe, commanding thame immediatlie efter sicht thairoff, to furnish and provyd ane sufficient and strong companie of able men, weill armed, to be in readines to come forth with the rest of the countrie to joyne with the armie for his Majesties service, and if they dissobeyit and failyet thairin, all the just and severe resentment shall be vseit aganis the toune that can be wseit aganis the greatest enemies to the Kings Majestie and his service; and thairfoir the said John Hay, baillie, desyrit the saidis persounes of counsall, thair advyce heiranent, and quhat answer sould be returnit to the said Marques of Montroise his demand; quha all in ane voice thought it expedient that thrie sufficient able men sould be directit out as commissioneris to the said Marques of Montroise, to expone and remonstrat to his Lordship the necessities, pouertie, and indigence of this burghe, thair innabilitie and impossibilitie to obey his Lordships ordinance and command, and for that effect electit, nominat, and chuisit George Moriesone, George Cullen, and Mr Johne Alexander thair commissioneris, and ordanit ane commissione to be drawne up for that end, vnder the secret seall of this burghe.

6 Aug. 1645.

Ordinance anent ye keiping of the watch.

6 *August* 1645.

The said day the counsall, taking to hart the dangerous estait of this burghe in respect of the plague of pestilence, quhich is daylie increasing and spreading abroad in dyverse pairts of the south, statutes and ordaines that all the inhabitantis of this burghe, in thair awne personnes, but any exemptioun, keipe ane strict watch daylie as they salbe appoyntit, and the widowes and old men to furneishe sufficient able men for thame; and quhosoever failzies, or beis absent from the said watche, to pay ten merks, *toties quoties*, to the dean of gild.

20 *August* 1645.

20 Aug. 1645.

Act anent advancing 4000 lib. to Vrry.

The said day, the haill toun being convenit within the tolbuith of this burghe be tuk of drum passand throw the haill streits of this towne, it wes exponit to them be the said Johne Hay, baillie, that there wes ane warrand direct be Archibald Sydserff, general commissar deput to Mr Robert Farquhar, provest, collector of the monethlie mantenance for advanceing and paying to Generall Major Vrry of four thousand punds Scots money for the mantenance money, payable out of this burghe for the moneths of June, July, and August, as the letter wreiten thairanent be the said Mr Robert Farquhar to the magistrats and counsall, red in audience of the said magistrats and inhabitants did bear: lykeas Patrik Leslie, lait provest, did expon the same againe, and that at his last being at Sanct Jonstoun as commissioner to the parliament for this burghe, he wes necessitat, in name of the said burghe, to promise thankfull payment of the said sonme, and thairfoir desyrit of the saids nichtbors if they wald be content to collect the said sonme, and be stentit for the same, and if they did approve what he hade promist to the said parliament. It wes answerit be Patrik Annand, deacon conveiner, for himself and in name of the haill crafts of this burghe, that the saids crafts wer already disbabled and impoverished, pairtly by plundering and pairtly by taxations, and that there wes many poore widowes among thame whose husbands wer killed vpon the 13th day of Septr. last, altogidder herried, and wer nowayes able to beare any moir burden of taxationes or impositiones, and thairfoir disasented from stenting of the said sonme, or taxting any of thame thairfoir: lykeas the brethren of gild did delay thair answer till the morne, wha haveing convenit vpon the tuentie ane day of August with Walter Cochrane, dean of gild.

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20 Aug. 1645.

Ordinance for conveining the toune this afternoone.

20 *August* 1645.

The said day the counsall ordainis the haill inhabitantis of this burghe to be conveinit this afternoone in the tolbuith, be tuk of drum, to giwe thair ansuer anent the payment of thrie moneths mantinance to Generall Major Wrrie, conforme to the warrand grantit to him be the estaittes of this kingdome, and precept gewin to him be Archibald Synserff, thair commissar depute, direct to Mr Robert Farquhar, provest, collector of the said monethlie mantinance.

Eodem die.

Act anent Mr James Reid.

Eodem die.

The quhilk day, Mr James Reid, eldest lawfull sone to vmquhill Mr Alexr. Reid, advocat and burges of this burghe, for obedience to ane former act of counsall, daittit the twantie sevint of November last bygane, gaue in and produceit befoir the counsall ane plate of brase, haveing engraven thairon the name and armes of vmquhill Alexander Reid, laird of Petfodellis, and sometyme provest of Aberdeine at the tyme of his deceas, with the quhilk plate of brase the said counsell was weill pleasit, and ordains the same to be nailit and put vpon the lairstane of the said laird of Petfodellis, befoir the session hous dure in the Newkirk, and to remaine thairon in all tyme comeing.

22 Aug. 1645.

Act anent ane nichtly watch.

22 *August* 1645.

The said day the haill toun being convenit for the maist pairt within the tolbuith of this burghe be tuk of drum passing throw the haill streits of the toun, it wes exponit to the saids inhabitants be the said John Hay, baillie, that the magistratis of this burghe hade receavit certane intelligence that the plague of pestilence wes daylie increaseing in Peterheid, and diverse pairtis of the cuntrey thairabout, quhairvpon thei hade receavit lettres, quhilk lettres wes red in presens of the inhabi-

tantis: ffor preveining of the said plague of pestilence, the said John Hay requirit at the saidis inhabitants what they thocht expedient sould be done for preventing of the said plague from this burghe (let God give event); they all in ane voice, but any oppositioun condiscendit that ane watch sould be keipit alsweill by nicht as day about the haill pairts of this toun, that nane comeing from Piterheid and vther pairts comeing from the south suspect, be suffered to enter this toun without a sufficient testimoniall vnder the ministeris hand of ilk parochin, vpon his conscience, that they have not bein in any suspect pairt, nor suspect company, and that no merchand nor vther inhabitant within the same presume or tak vpon hand to goe to Bartholfair, or any vther mercat, or buy any plaiding from the countrey people for the space of a moneth, quhill it please the Lord to cease the rage and fury of the said plague, vnder pain of deprivatioun of ilk inhabitant contraveinand, of thair fredome, confiscatioun, or burneing of any guids they sall happin to buy, and banishing thame for ever from this burghe.

22 Aug. 1645.

Act anent ane nichtly watch.

11 *September* 1645.

11 Sept. 1645.

James Adam admittit mettister.

The said day, anent the supplicatione gevin in to the counsall be Jeane Walker, burges of this burghe, makand mentione that quhairas hir said vmquhill father being killit in the tounes service, and shee haueing continowed in the service of mettage hitherto without blame, and that it hath pleasit God to give hir ane appeirand husband callit James Adam, humblie thairfoir supplicatting the said counsall that the said James Adam micht be admittit to serve in the said office of mettage, considering that he is a tounes bairne, and sould find cautioune for his faithfull dischargeing of the said office as at mair lenth is contenit in the said supplicatioun; quhilk being read, hard, and considerit be the said counsall, and they thairwith ryplie, and at lenth advyseit, the saids baillies and counsall admittis the foirnameit James Adam to be on of the ordinar mettisteris of this burghe, and grantis vnto him the deues, casualities, and

11 Sept. 1645.

James Adam admittit mettister.

fie belonging thairto, and that dureing the will and pleasour of the magistrattes and counsall of this burghe allenerlie, and the said James Adam compeirand in counsall, acceptit the said office vpoun him, gave his aith for faithfull serving thairintill, and for that effect fand James Colinsoun, thesaurar, cautioner and severtie for him, quha be the tennour hereoff binds and obleissis him as cautioner and severtie for the said James Adam, that he sall be faithfull in the said office, and discharge ane honest dewtie thairintill; lykeas the said James Adam obleissit him to releive his said cautioner of the haill contentis of this present act, and of all that may follow heirin.

Eodem die.

Eodem die.

Supplication of Reid anent the lairstane of Alexr. Reid.

The said day anent the supplication gevin in to the counsall be Mr James Reid, makand mention that whair vmquhill Mr Alexr. Reid his father, and vmquhill Mr Robert Reid his father brother, in the moneth of September last being killed in defence of this burghe, as was notourlie knowin to thair worships of the counsall, the said Mr James causit bring his said vmquhill father and vncle vnder the lairstane of vmquhill Alexr. Reid of Petfoddells, sometyme provest of Aberdene, nowayes thinking that the samen sould have given [offence] to any, yit notwithstanding thair worships hade amerciat the said Mr James in ane hundreth punds money, and ordanit him to caus mak ane plait of brase beareing the said Alexr. Reid, provest, his name, armes, and dait of his death; and true it is, that according to their ordinance of counsall he had causit put on the said plait of brase, and seing the tyme of his said vmquhill father and vncles buriall was altogidder most calamitous and troublesome, quhairthrow he being in perplexitie and in danger of his own life in the said service, culd not maturlie deliberat anent the place of their buriall, bot causit burie thame vnder the said stane, no vther convenient pairt being in that yle, quhilk the supplicant did in meir simplicitie and ignorance, not intending to wrong any thairby; quhairas any of the strangeris,

Irishes, or wthers who wer at that tyme killed micht have beine buried thair, and if sua sould have bein, thair wald no censure followit theirvpon: And theirfoir humblie supplicating thair honours of the counsell vpon consideration of the premisses to dispence with the said vnlaw and dischairge the supplicant thairof, seing his said vmquhill father and vncle losit thair lyffes in defence of this burghe as said is, as at mair lenth is contenit in the said supplication. Quhilk being read seine and considerit he the said counsell, and they thairewith maturelie advised, the saids baillies and counsell all in ane voice, for diverse good respects and considerations moveing thame, dispencit and be thir presentis dispencis with the said supplicant's vnlaw of ane hundreth punds aboue mentionat, and discharges him from payment thairof.

11 Sept. 1645. — Supplication of Reid anent the lairstane of Alexr. Reid.

15 *September* 1645.

15 Sept. 1645. — Act anent Lord Aboyne.

The quhilk day the persones of counsall abouenamit being convenit at command and directioun of James Vicount of Aboyne, haveing forceis with him within the toun, and compeirand himselff personallie in counsell, signified to them the propositions following: First, that the persones vnderuameit gevin in be him in roll, viz., Mr Robert Farquhar, provest; Patrik Leslie, lait provest; Robert Cruikshank; Alexr. Forbes; Patrik Leslie, younger baillie; Walter Cochrane, dean of gild; Mr Wm. Moir; James Colinsone, thesaurar; Thomas Mowat; Alexr. Lumsdan; Mr Thomas Lumsdane; Alexr. Jaffray, baillie; John Jaffray and Wm. Blackburne, sould be exceptit, and have no voice in counsell for the yeir to come, nor at the ensewing election: Secundlie, that the inhabitants of this toun sould be put in a present posture of defence, and capitans chosen for that effect, otherwayes he wald put in a garison in the toun: Thirdlie, that the customes sould be collectit be Thomas Nicolsone: Fourthly, that diverse letteris sent be our ministers and vthers to the magistrats and counsell of this burghe sould be deliuerit to him be the clerk on his great aith sworne, quhilkis four propositiones he wald have presentlie effectuat

15 Sept. 1645.
Act anent Lord Aboyne.

and grantit be the said counsell, and for that effect left and appointit William Gordoun of Arrodoull and Mr Gordon, advocat, to stay and remain in counsell till the saids propositiones were voted and concluded; and the foirnamed baillies and counsell having considerit the foirsaids propositiones, and finding no possibilitie for the present to resist the same, resolued and concludit to giue way thairto for the tyme.

17 Sept. 1645.
Act anent Dalgardno.

17 *September* 1645.

The said day, in respect that Walter Moresone, wha wes yisterday nominat and electit to be ane of the four capitanes of this burghe, refuised to embrace and vndergoe his charge; thairfoir the counsell, for satisfieing the Lord Aboyn and the Laird Drum thair demands, nominat and electit Arthur Dalgardno in place of the said Walter Moresone to be ane of the four capitanes of this burghe, quha compeirand, acceptit the said office vpon him, and gave his aith for dischargeing the same faithfullie for the good and saiftie of this burghe.

1 October 1645.
Ordinance for a commissioun to be sent to Farquhar.

1 *October* 1645.

The counsell ordanes a commissioun to be drawne vp to Mr Robert Farquhar to be commissioner for the ensewing parliament, and the disbursementis, quartering, and expenssis gevin out since General Major Middleton his north comeing, to be wreitin and put in forme, and sent over to him to be allowed.

10 October 1645.
The toun to be watched in respect of the pest.

10 *October* 1645.

The said day the haill toun being convenit for the maist pairt within the tolbuith of this burghe be tuk of drum passing throw the haill streitis of the toun, it wes exponit to the saids inhabitants be Mr Thomas Gray, provest, that the plague of pestilence wes rageing in the cuntrey, both

be-south and be-north this burghe, and hade burst furth of Peterheid, and was spreading abroad in the countrey, and enquired at the saids inhabitants if they thocht it expedient that ane strict watch sould be keipit about this haill toun, alsweill be nicht as be day, and that euerie watch to continow for the space of tuentie four hours; and the saids inhabitants convenit as said is, all in ane voice, but any contradiction, wer content that euerie inhabitant wha wer able in thair owne persones sould watch, and aiged people and widowes wha wer not able sould furnish able people for thame, and sould pay sex shillings to ilk ane that does keip the watch for thame, togidder with thair dyat, or vtherwayes ten shillings to ilk ane that does watch for thame dureing the space foirsaid, and war content wha euer sould be absent being in ye toun, or ane in thair absence, to be poyndit thairfoir in ane vnlaw of a dollour, *toties quoties*, ilk persone contraveinand; and ilk watch to enter on at thrie efternoone and to be releived aff watch at thrie efternoone on the morne; and sicklyke it wes ordanit, that ilk back yet about the toun to be closed up be the awners therof, and whasoeuer sould faillie in doeing thairof with expedition, the same to be bigit vp be the baillies vpon the awners expenssis; and that no inhabitant receave within thair houssis any stranger comeing aither from the south or north till first they acquaint the magistratis or keipers of the watch from whence they be come, and haue ane sufficient testimoniall, and that no inhabitant remove out of the toun till first they receave a pas from the magistratis.

10 October 1645.

The toun to be watched in respect of the pest.

12 *November* 1645.

12 Nov. 1645.

The said day the counsell electit, nominat, and chuisit Mr Thomas Gray, provest, and Mr Robert Farquhar, lait provest, commissioners to the ensewing parliament, to sitt doun and hauld at Sanct Andrews vpon the 26 day of Novr., with continvation of dayes, and ordaines ane commissioun to be drawin vp to thame, seallit and subscryvit to that effect, and to remonstrat to the parliament anent the caption direct against our

Gray, Farquhar, chosin commissioners to the parliament.

12 Nov. 1645.

Gray, Farquhar, chosin commissionar to the parliament.

nichtbouris for payment of their lent moneyes, quhilk sould be suspendit in respect of ane act of the Committee of Estaites grantit in favouris of the toun, ordaneing thame to be payit of such moneyes as was ordanit be thame of the first and readiest of the moneyes that sould be borrowit from the inhabitants of this burghe.

2 Jan. 1646.

Col. Barclay's horsemen quartered in the toun.

2 *January* 1646.

Colonell Hary Barclay came to Aberdene at twa hours efternoone with horsmen and draguneirs, and quartered horsmen within the toun that nicht.

3 Jan. 1646 being Saturday in the efternoone.

3 *January* 1646.

Tuo regiments of fute, ane of the Vicount of Kenmures, ane vther of Colonell Stewarts, consisting of aucht hundreth sojoris by the generall persones and officiars of the regiments, with the horsse belonging to the saids officiars and generall persones, wer billeted and quartered within the toun, by and attour the number of horssis, with their troupers and officiars quartered vpon the lands of the freedome of this burghe; as lykewayes vpon Freday, the 23 of this instant, their come to this toune sex troupes, with ane troup of dragunneirs, under the command of Colonel Robert Montgomerie, consisting of 420 horsmen, with their officiars; and on Saturday the 24 of this instant, there came in aucht scoir of horse and dragunneirs with their officiars, vnder the forsaid Colonell.

13 Jan. 1646.

More dragoons quartered in the toun.

13 *January* 1646.

Their came in to this toun 200 draguners, vnder the command of L. Colonell Blair, and wer quartered at free quarters till the 12 Septr.

21 *January* 1646.

21 Jan. 1646.

Fergusson admitted in place of vmquhill Dun. Donaldsone.

The said day, anent the supplication gevin in to the baillies and counsall be Duncan Fergusson, burges of Aberdein, makand mention that quhair it is not vnknowne to their honouris that throw the iniquitie of tyme and heavie burden of a number of small barnes, quhairthrow he wes not able to live with them vnchargeable to your honouris, and seing umquhill Duncan Donaldsone, some tyme your honours servand, his place is now vacand, and at your honouris disposition, and that he is not able to bear burden with the rest of the inhabitants of the toun as abefoir he wes in vse to doe according to his small power; and it hes pleasit the Lord to reduct him to povertie for the present, with his wyf, bairnes, and familie, and hade the burden of soiours still quartered on him, albeit vnhable to do the same: quhairfoir humblie entreating thair honouris to receave and admitt him to the vaccant roume of the said vmquhile Duncan Donaldsone, and to the benefit and casualities thairof, as in the said supplication at mair leuth is contenit; quhilk being red, hard, sein, and considerit be the said counsell, and they thairwith ryplie, and at lenth advysed, the said baillies and counsell have receavit, and be the tennour heirof receaves and admitts the said Duncan Fergusson to the place of vmquhile Duncane Donaldsone for the attending the peir and shoir of this burghe, and to the casualities belongeing thairto, dureing the will and pleasure of the counsell allanerlie, wha being personallie present acceptit the said office in and vpon him, and gave his aith *de fideli administratione.*

4 *February* 1646.

4 Feb. 1646.

Troupers from the south, and prisoners from the Laird Drum.

Their came in tuelf troupers with ammunition from the south, and vpon the 7th February thare cam in threttie prisoners troupers from the Laird Drum.

24 Feb. 1646.

1000 merkis grantit for repairing the brunt toun of Stanhavin.

24 *February* 1646.

The said day, ane letter direct frome the Earle Marshell, wes presentit to the counsell be Robert Buchan of Portlethan, makand mention that thair wes ane act and commission grantit to his lordship be the Parliament hauldin at Sanct Johnstoun laitlie, quharby warrand wes gevin to his lordship for collecting a voluntar contribution for repairing the brunt toun of Stanhavin, and building of the bulwark thair, and hade imployit the foirnamit Robert Buchan for vplifting the foirsaid contribution, and resolued to haue his first sute to this toun, a place his lordship conceivit himselff so farr interest into as he wes confident his desyre for so just and profitable wark, sould find so richt ane adress as by thair frank and charitable example vthers wald be moved to doe the samen; Quhilk being red and considerit be the counsell, and they therwith at lenth advised, the saids provest, baillies, and counsell pondering the necessitie of the wark, with the inhabilitie and weaknes of this toun, they grant to the said noble lord ane thousand merkis for helping to repair the said brunt toun of Stanehavin, and building of the bulwark thairof.

25 Feb. 1646.

Mortimer chosin commissioner to the Committee of Estaits.

25 *February* 1646.

The said day the counsell electit, nominat, and chusit Thomas Mortimer, laite baillie, commissioner to the Committee of Estaits presentlie sitting at Linlithco, to represent and show to them the distressed and desolat caice of this toun, and to obtein ane warrand for removeing the present army lying in the toun.

11 March 1646.

Ordinance to the thesaurar for a new mortcloth.

11 *March* 1646.

The said day the counsell ordanes Alexr. Farquhar, thesaurer, to send to Flanders and caus buy alse mutch blak veluet of two pyll as will be ane mortcloth, quhilk sall be allowit to him in his accompts.

18 *March* 1646.

18 March 1646.

Ordinance to the thesaurar.

The said day the counsell ordanes Alexr. Farquhar, thesaurar, to advance moneyes for making of spads, shooles, and vther instrumentis for the fortifieing of this toun, quhilk they declair sall be allowit to him at the making of his compts.

27 *April* 1646.

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Four troops of horse quartered.

27 Aprile, in the morneinge their came in four troups of horse, consisting of twa hundreth, and wer quartered within this toun, vnder the command of Levetennent-Colonell Hew Montgomerie, and remaned till the 14 day of May; and vpon the 13 day of Junii 1646, their cam in sex troups of draguners, consisting of tua hundreth, by thair officiars and commanders, vnder the command of L. Colonell Blair, and wer all quartered at free quarters, and stayit till the sextein day of September.

6 *June* 1646.

6 June 1646.

Act anent bonfyrs, etc.

The said day the provest, baillies, and counsall ordaned the haill inhabitants within this burgh, both free and vnfree, to put on bonfyrs befoir thair houssis, this day at four hours efternoone, and the haill great bells within the toun to be rung; and lykewayis ordanit Alex. Farquhar, thesaurer, to provyde ane taffell and have the samen coverit at the mercat croce, with confections, and to provyde wyne and glasses, acknowledgeing thairby his maiesties gratious gudenes in giveing such large expressions of his resolution to comply with his parliamentis, and these intrustit be thame for setling trueth and peace in all his maiesties dominions, and that the saids inhabitants witnes thair thankfulnes thairfoir, by puting on of the saids bonfyrs, and showing other expressions of joy formerlie vseit in caices of the lyke kynd.

15 June 1646.

Act in favoris of Montgomery.

"The said day the said Luetenent Hew Montgomerie vplifted the principall act above wreitten." (Signed) Hew Montgomerie.

15 *June* 1646.

At Aberdene the fyftein day of Junii 1646 yeirs, in presens of Mr Thomas Gray, provest, George Moreson and George Cullen, baillies, compeirit Levetenent Colonell Hew Montgomerie, and produceit the act and ordinance vnderwretin, desyreing the same to be insert and registrat in the baillie court bookes of the said burghe, thairin to remaine, *ad futuram rei memoriam*, and to be maid furthcumand and patent to all persons heveand entres, or wha desyres to haue the inspection therof, and that none pretend ignorance: quhilk desyre the provest and baillies thocht reasoneable, and therfoir decernes and ordanes the same act to be insert and registrat in the said bookes to the effect foirsaid. Off the quhilk act the tenor followes:—Tolquhone, 8 June 1646, The quhilk day at a counsell of warr hauldin be Major Generall Midletoun, commander of the forces for the present expedition, with the officiars of the army vndersubscryveing, Levetenent Colonell Hew Montgomerie haueing supplicat that his cariage in the busines of Aberdene micht be put to exact tryall for his owne exoneration, which desyre the counsell of warr haveing taken to consideration, and haueing taken exact tryall of all that past, by takeing the depositiones of these that wer eie witnessis in the business and wer present with him in tyme of action, haueing indifferent relation to the officiars both of horse and fute, (efter exact debait) doeth not only exoner and cleir him of any imputations or aspertions hes bein or can be laid vpon him, but also doeth giue him ane full and ample approbation of all his cariage, both befoir and eftir the tyme of action, as haueing behaued himselff with alse muche prudence and gallantry as could haue bein expected from a man of his place and charge. *Sic subscribitur*, Jo. Midletoun, R. Montgomerie, Ber. Innes, John Hume, J. Blair, Da. Barclay, Walter Feithie, A. Gray, J. M'Dowall, R. Hamiltoun, Arthur Forbes, Geo. Erskine, George Pantoun, R. Neill, *cler.*

Geo. Cullen, baillie.

24 *June* 1646.

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Act anent weiklie mercat appointit to be on Wedinsday and Freday.

The said day Mr Wm. Douglas, professor of divinitie, and Mr John Row, ane of the ministers of this burghe, produceit in counsell the actis of King Charles, the third parliament, hauldin at Edinburgh the 4 Jany 1644, and ending the 29 of July 1644, and desyrit that the 16 act of the said parliament, maid upon the 23 of the said moneth, sould be red and put in execution be the Magistrats and counsall: quhilk being accordinglie red in counsell, the saids provest, baillies, and counsell for obedience thairto, discharges any weiklie mercat to be keipit in this burghe heirefter vpon Monday or Saturday, bot ordaines the weiklie mercats heirefter to be keipit in this burghe vpon Wedinsday and Freday, and the contraveinars heirof to be punishit be confiscation of suche goods as sall be brocht in or presentit to the mercat upon any wther days then Wednesday or Freday, and ordanes the said act of parliament with thir presentis to be published at the mercat croce of this burghe this day and vpon Saturday nixt, that nane pretend ignorance.

1 *July* 1646.

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Anent recruiting Capt. Straquhan his company.

The said day the haill toun for the maist pairt being convenit within the tolbuith, be tuk of drum passing throw the haill streits of the same, it was exponit to them be the said Mr Thomas Gray, provest, that capitane John Straquhan, be ordouris from the Committee of Estaits, wes requireing off the toun the aucht man, conforme to the first levie that did goe to Ingland out of this burghe, and desyrit at the saids inhabitants if they wald giue obedience to the saids ordouris for riging out of men to the said capitane John to goe to England.

3 July 1646.

Cuming caution for Keillo.

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Compeirit George Cuming, merchand, burges of Aberdeen, and be the tenour heirof binds and oblissis him, his aires and executoris, as cautioners and swertie for John Keillo, merchand burges of the said burghe, that he sall giue satisfactione and contentment to the ministeris and elderis of the kirk session of Crowdan, satisfie the kirk discipline thairof, and pay suche penalties as he sall be enjoynit be the saids minister and elderis for his severall fallis in fornicatioune within the parochin of Crowdan; and alse that the said Johne Keillo sall content all parties haueand entres for his severall fornicatiounes at his return from Dantzick, vnder the paine of fyv hundreth merkis Scottis money, to be payit by the said George incaise of not performance of the premisses be the said John Keillo as liquidat failzie, modifiet of his owin consent by and attour the performing of the premisses; and the said John Keillo oblisses him, his airis, and successouris to warrand, frie, releiv, and skaithles keip the said George Cuming, his cautioner above designit, and his forsaids, of his cautionrie forsaid, haill contentes of this present act, and of all that may follow heiron.

Eodem die.

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28 July 1646.

Concerneing the conflict at Aberdene vpon the 14 of May.

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It is to be rememberit, that vpon the 14 day of May last, that the Marques of Huntlie, and James Earle of Aboyne, his sone, accompanied with the number of fyftein hundreth foote and fyve hundreth horse or therby, did approach and come neir this town, wherein Lieytenent Colonell Hew Montgomerie wes commander in chief for the tyme, haveing vnder his command four troups of horse, being in number tuelff scoir, by their commanders, with two regiments of foote, consisting of sewin hundreth men, with their commanders; and the saids Marques of Huntlie, his sojours and hieleinders haveing brunt sindrie houssis and barnes about the toun, they therefter enterit the same and tuik captive of the saids regiments wha wer in the toun aboue thrie hundreth and feftie, and the same day ther was killed aboue men, and in speciall some of the commanders, as Colonell William Forbes, etc.; and haveing enterit the toun as said is, they plunderit the haill boothes and houssis within the same for the maist pairt.

12 Sept. 1646

The regiment of artaillarie moved.

12 *September* 1646.

Item, the generale of artaillarie his regiment haveing gone from this vpon the 20 day of Feb. last towards Banff, the enemy being their, they returnit back againe to this burghe vpon the day of the said moneth of Feby., and stayit therin till the 26 of Aprile, at quhilk tyme they removit. Item, ther came vp vpon the 19 March 3 men for recruiting of the said regiment.

Eodem die.

The regiment of artaillarie comes back.

Eodem die.

Their came in to the burghe of Aberdene the Generall of artaillarie, his regiment consisting of four hundreth foote sojors, by their officers, being ten companies and compleit officiaris, and stayed till the tuentie

day of Feby. nixt thairefter, and at their away goeing both officiaris and sojoris took thrie dayis meines with them.

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7 *October* 1646.

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Act in favours of the compartiners of the correction hous.

The counsell haveing sein the compt gevin in be John Scot, merchand, burges of Aberdeen, and of the partiners of the correction hous or manufactorie for braid cloth in this burgh, for himselff and in name of the remanent compartineris, ffinds and declaires that the said compt sould be takin in and allowit with vther comptis of the lyke nature, furnishit and advancit be vther nichtbouris of this toun for the weill and saiftie thairof, and ordanes the samen to be payit whan the toun is hable to pay the remanent comptis of that nature, furnishit by vther nichtbouris at the same tyme for the saifftie of the toun, and also ordanes the visitouris appointit for considering of James Farquhars compt, to consider and visit the compt aboue namit, and to mak and giue in thair reportis of both the saidis comptis joyntlie the nixt counsell day.

21 *October* 1646.

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Cullen, Sandilands chosin commissioners to goe to Midleton.

The said day the provest, baillies and counsall being informed that Lairs regiment is to come from Inuernes to this toun, electit and nominat George Cullen, baillie, and Mr James Sandlands, commissioneris, for goeing to Generall Major Middletoun and represent to him the heavie burdens and distresse of this burghe, how it is vnable to interteny the present regiment quartered in it alreadie, and vse all vther argumentes for diverting of the said Lairs regiment from being quarterit in this toun, and that means may be provydit for maintenance of the present regiment.

9 Nov. 1646.

Mr John Row's supplication disclaimed.

9 *November* 1646.

The quhilk day the counsall being informed that Mr Johne Row, ane of the ministeris of this burghe, did yesternight regrait and expone to such persones of the kirk sessione as wer then present, that the discipline of the kirk was much weakned and almost castin loose for lack of magistratis sitting in the said sessione, and that the present magistratis and counsall had beine long wearied this yeir past in attending at Sanctandroes and Edinburgh, the discuss of the matter of their electione, wpon their great charges and expenssis, which wes yet depending befoir the parliament, and thairfoir it wes necessare both for the good of the Church and peace within the burgh, that ane supplication sould be sent over to the hich parliament, humblie desyring that the governament of the toun may be speedilie settled, and that ane letter sould be sent to Mr Andro Cant thairwith, aither to present or not present the said supplicatione as he sould think fitting, to the quhilk discourse, seiming onlie to tend to the good and peaceable setling of the government of the toun and Church, so many of the said sessionne whose wotis wer asked did giue thair assent, and immediatlie the said Mr John pullit out of his pocket ane supplicatione penned be himselff and some otheris his adviseris of ane other strain rubing wpon the persons and actions of the present magistrats and counsall and wpon thair election; quhairwpon the counsall hauing sent for the said Mr John Row, wha at thair desyre produceit the said supplicatione, quhilk being red in counsall and consideerit be them, they fand the strain thairof farr contrair to the plausable discourse maid be the said Mr John Row in the sessionne, as some of the present counsall, being then sitting in sessione, did testifie and declair in presence of the said Mr John Row, and thairfoir the said counsall declairit to the said Mr Johne that they admeirit of his cariage in this point, wha insted of stryving to mak peace and keiping a sueit harmonie amongst the inhabitants of this burghe, sould have intended such a divisiue motion; and to let him sie his owne error the more cleirlie, they were assured that the maist pairt of the sessioneris,

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both present and absent, wald disawne and disaprove the supplicatione as it was conceavit, and thairfoir sent for diverse of the saidis sessioneris besyde the persons of counsall quha wer sessioneris—viz., Johne Hay, Doctor Patrik Dune, James Robertsone, James Chrystie, Alexr. Clerk, Dauid Sinclair, Arthur Dilgardno, John Duff, Charles Robertsone, Patrik Annand, Alexr. George, John Males, wha all, having hard the supplicatione red to thame, and being ripplie advysed thairwith, did, in presence of the said Mr Johne, disclaime the same, and refuisit to adhere thereto, declairing that the samen being but overlie red to thame yesternight, they did not conceaue the deipe of the draucht thairof, nor did they heire any contentione of plainting ministeris or professoris, but now finding the streame thairoff farr by thair expectations and intentions, desyred therfor it sould be suppressed; bot the said Mr Johne Row declairit that neither his mynd nor intentione wes to tuich or rub wpone the persones or actionis of the present magistratis and counsall, nor wpon the electioune, the persones quha did elect thame, but onlie to speak againest the rebellis and enemies of Gods kirk and kingdome, and that his brother, Mr Andro Cant, befoire his going south, hade desyrit him to draw up ane supplicatione, because, as he alledgit, it wes once by ordinance of the sessioune assentit to be past. Lykas the persones of sessione eftirmentionat not being sent for, bot compeiring efter the said Mr John Row his goeing furth of the counsall—viz., Patrik Dovie, Gilbert Hervie, Robert Annand, Alexr. Harvie Ramsay, Alexr. Blak, younger, James Schewin, Wm. Blak, Patrik Watsone, Wm. Trup, wha haveing heard the said supplicatione red, and considering the samen to be farr contrair to the meaning of the sessione, they all and euerie ane of them disclaimed the same and past thairfra, quhairupon Wm. Petrie, deane of gild, in name of the said counsall, askit and tuik instruments.

23 Nov. 1646.

Incoming of Argylls hieland-men.

23 *November* 1646.

Their cam in to the burghe of Aberdene sex hundreth hieland men of Argylls hielandmen and their commanders, and stayit at free quarters till the tuentie day of Feby. nixt thairefter, and took thrie dayis loane with them, alsweill officieris as sojoris.

26 Jan. 1647.

Incoming of more sojoris.

26 *January* 1647.

Their cam in to the burgh of Aberdein 23 sojoris with ane ancient for recruiting, Major James Stewart his company within the foirsaid regiment. Lykeas vpon the said 26 Jany. yeir of God foirsaid, their came in the number of fourscoir sojoris, with their compleit officers, under the command of Captain John Campbell, ane of the capitanes of the said regiment.

19 Feb. 1647.

Letter from Generall Middle-toune.

19 *February* 1647.

The said day the haill toun for the maist pairt being convenit within the laich counselhous be touk of drum passing throw the haill streits of the toun, quhairvpone the bearer maid faith, the saids bailzies producit ane letter subscryvit be Generall Major Johnne Middletoune direct to the magistratis of Aberdene, bearand he haid bene still sensible of the many pressours thair tounes haid bein vnder, tho it wes not in his power to ease them, bot now tho the difficulties wer many, he had resolved to tak aff their burden, his desyre wes that they suld furnishe such things as the quarter-maister generall wold desyre according to the inclosed not subscryveit be the said major generall his hand, and quhat they furnished aither in money or provisioun suld be payit be him, as the said letter desyring performance thairto, daitit at Inueralochie, the sexteint of February instant, mair fullie proportes; lykwayis the saids bailzies producit the foirsaid subscrivit not, bearand that the toun suld fur-

24 Feb. 1647.

Nomination of counsellouris by the estaitis of Parliament.

they find that inregaird of some excommunicat persones and other of the rebellis being in armes within the toun immedietlie befoir and about the tyme of thair electioun, and of their intermedling theirin, the election hes not bein caried on with that freedome quhilk is allowed be the law and vsuall in lyke caices, and therfoir declares and decernes the said election to have bein and to be enforced, vnfree, and illegall, and for removeing of any scandall that hes risen, and prejudice that hes or may ensue vpon the said election if it sould have course for re-establishing the election, the ordinar dew and legall way for the tyme to come, and for diverse vther good and important considerations, the Estaitis of Parliament haue thocht fitt to tak vpon themselues the election of the counsell of Aberdein for the present yeir, and haueing informed themselves sufficientlie of the persones ablest and fittest for the charge, they doe nominat and appoint Patrik Leslie, eldar, Mr Robert Farquhar, Mr Thomas Gray, John Hay, Mr Wm. Moir, Thomas Mortimer, Alexr. Jaffray, George Cullen, Patrik Leslie, younger, Walter Cochran, Alexr. Burnet, eldar, John Jaffray, Alexr. Farquhar, Thomas Mowat, George Aidie, David Sinclair, Charles Robertsone, Peter Schirres, and Wm. Sangister, to be nyntein counsallouris of the said burgh for the present yeir, and ordanies them, vpon the tuentie fourth day of this moneth at farthest, or sooner if convenient they can, to conveine in the ordinarie place of meiting, and thair be themselues onlie to mak election of the provest, baillies, and vther magistratis and officeris within the said burgh for the samen yeir, of thair owne number, quhilkis persones ar to exerce the saidis places and offices of magistracie and counsell vntill the nixt ordinar tyme of election, and then they ar to mak choise of thair successores in the saids places for the nixt yeir to come, of men of knowne affection to the caus, conforme to the law and vsuall custome of the burgh; and it is heirby provydit that this act sall neither prejudge any infeftments and saseings gevin be the persones electit in maner foirsaid, nor any lawful deid done by them in conveyance of richtis, or administratione of justice, or keiping the said toun in ordour this tyme bygane, nor the priviledges of the said burgh, in

the election of the counsall and magistratis in tyme comeing, declairing lykewayes inregaird that the clerk wha wes in place is laitlie deceased, that the counsell abouenamit and magistratis be them to be electit, sall setle and dispose of the said place as they sall find most conduceable to the service of the toun and to the publict caus, etc.

24 Feb. 1647. — Nomination of counsellouris by the estaitis of Parliament.

27 *February* 1647.

27 Feb. 1647. — Troops come back from Turreff.

Vpon the penult February 1647, being Saturday, betwixt fiv and sex at nicht, the tuo regimentes of futt, on belonging to the Marques of Ardgyl of hielanderis, under the command of Major Stewart, and the wther to the generall of artailyerie, haveing removet out of this toun vpon the tuentie day of the said moneth of February be ordouris from Generall Major Midleton, and merched the lenth of Turreff in persut of the enemies, returnit back to this toun vpon the said penult of February at nicht, be reasone the enemie intendit to haue cum in and plunderit this toun; and the saids two regiments, with their compleit officeris, remanit in the toun at free quarteris vntill the day of .

3 *March* 1647.

3 March 1647. — Ordinance to the dean of gild, anent the man quha committet bestialitie.

The said day the counsall ordanes Walter Cochrane, dean of gild, to pay to James Andersone, executioner, what is restand to him, quhairin he is superexpendit in sustaneing of Richie and the meir quhairwith he hade committit bestialitie, both in firmeance since the sext of Januar last, and in tyme comeing, till they be execute be a commission; attour tuo cross dollouris receavit by the said James Anderson from Mr John Forbes persone of Kincardin, quhilk they declair sall be allowit to the said dean of gild at the making of his compt, and desyres the said dean of gild to speik the said Mr John Forbes for repayment of the charges to be deburst for intertaining of the said Richie and meir, conforme to the said Mr John, his faithfull promise maid to Wm. Forbes, late baillie, and Gilbert Cullen, ane of the present baillies, thairanent.

3 March 1647.

Ordinance to the dean of gild.

3 *March* 1647.

The same day the counsell ordaines the dean of gild to pay to Alexr. Chalmer tuentie sewin pundis ten shillings for his attendance this half yeir bygan, on the fortifications, in absence of the magistratis, quhilk they declair sall be allowit to him at the making of his accompts.

Eodem die.

Eodem die.

Abircrombie convict of cursing the roundheads;

The said day Grissell Abircrombie, spous to Patrik Sangster, couper, being convict be the depositiones of certaine famous witnesses for puting wiolent hand on Janet Ray, relict of wmquhill Mr Wm. Moir, and for taking of hir plaid from hir, and for cursing her and all that belongit to hir, and for saying the curse of God be vpon the roundheids, for the quilkis the counsell adjudges the said Grissell to be put in the joggis, and to remain thairin fra nyn houris till tuelff houris befoir noone, or then to redeem hirselff be payment of tuentie merkis money, to be payit to the deane of gild for the vse of the toune, and to compeir before the bailyies, and to crave the pairties offendit pardone.

her sentence annulled.

This act is ordanit to be annullit and maid woid, in respect the said Grissell is ordanit be the kirk session to sit on the publict place of repentance the nixt Lordis day, for the fact aboue writtin, crave God and the congregation pardone thairfoir; and alse in respect that in presens of the said bailyies sche cravit the pairties offended pardon.

24 March 1647.

All persons to attend the kirk on Sundays, and not to vaig about.

24 *March* 1647.

The quhilk day the baillies and counsell of this burghe taking to heart the great abuss and prophanation of the Lords day, occasioned be the frequent vaiging thairin of many of the inhabitants of this burgh of all sorts and rankis, in going to the old toun and wther places, befoir or in tyme of sermons, not obstant of diverse laudable actis of the kirk session of this

burghe maid in the contrair, quhilkis actis the saids baillies and counsell not onlie ratifies and approves in the haill heidis and articles thairof, bot siclyke in corroboration of the same, and for restraining of the forsaid abuse, have statut and ordainit, and be thir presentis statuts and ordains, that all persones of whatsumever rank, qualitie, or degrie, repair to thair paroch kirkis on the Lords day, alsweill after as befoir noon, and heir the word of God, and not vaig nor goe to the old toun or wther places vpon the said Lords day heirefter, vnder the paine of fourtie shillings, to be exactit from ilk persone, *toties quoties*, wha sall be fund to have contravenit this present act, the ane half of the said penaltie to be payit to the master of kirkwark for helping to mantein the fabrik of this kirk, and the vther half thairof to the collector of the kirk session for the vse of the poore; and for the better observeing, the saids baillies and counsall desyrs that captanes may be appointit be the said kirk session ilk Lords day, for takeing vp of the names of all such as sall be fund goeing to the old toun fieldis, or vtherwayis vaiging, that the foirsaid penaltie may be dewlie exactit from them but any favour, attour and but prejudice of any church censure to be imposit on thame be the ministers and members of the said session; and ordanes intimation to be maid heirof to the inhabitantis of this burghe, the morne furth of the pulpit.

24 March 1647.

All persons to attend the kirk on Sundays, and not to vaig about.

Eodem die.

Eodem die.

The said day, the baillies and counsell of this burghe, for obedience to ane act of the General Assemblie, maid in the nynt session thairof, at Edinburghe, the elevint day of August 1643 yeirs, makand mention that the said General Assemblie considering the great abuse of buricing within the kirkis whairin God's publict worship is exercised, notwithstanding diverse actis of this kirk prohibiting the same, and that throw tolleration thairof vther abuses in hinging of pinsells and brods, affixting of honers and armes, and suchlyke scandalous monuments in the kirk have crept in: Thairfoir, for remeid heirof, doe heirby ratifie and approve

Act anent buriallis in the kirk-yaird.

24 March 1647.

Act anent buriallis in the kirk-yaird.

the former acts and constitutions maid against buriallis in kirkis, and inhibits and discharges all persones of whatsumeuer qualitie, to burie any deceised persone within the bodie of the kirk whair the people meit for heiring of the word and administration of the sacraments, and als inhibits thame to hing pinsells or affix brods, honours, or armes, or to mak any suchlyke monuments to the honour or remembrance of any deceised persone vpon walls or wther places within the kirk quhair the publict worship of God is exercised as said is; discharges and expresslie prohibits all persones, of what qualitie soeuer, to burie any deceased persone within any of the kirks of this burgh, conforme to the tenour of the said act of Assembly, and appoints the buriall places of all persones of whatsumeuer rankis, sex, or condition, to be heirefter within Sanct Nicolas kirkyaird of this burgh, in the south and north syde thairof: And the saids baillies and counsall statuts and ordaines that in tyme comeing, efter the intimation of this act to the haill inhabitants of this burgh to be convenit for that effect, that John Jaffray, present maister of kirkwark, and his successoris, maisteris thairof, sall be payit and answerit of the soume of ten pundis money of ilk persone inhabitant of this burgh, man or woman, of perfect aige, that sall be buried in the said south syde of the kirkyaird, and for the buriall of euerie young man or young woman vnmarried, being of the aige betwixt fourtein and tuentie yeirs, fyve punds, and of young bairnes beneath the aige of fourtein yeirs, haveing a kist, thrie punds; and of young barnes wanting a kist, tuentie shillings; and of euerie stranger, man or woman, seiking buriall in the said south syde of the kirkyaird, being ane barron or barrons wyf, fourtie merkis; and of euerie strange gentleman, or his wyfe, or wther extraneouris whatsumeuer, not being burgessis of this burghe, tuentie punds, conforme to the pryces set doune in ane act of counsell maid for burieing within the kirk of this burghe, daitit 12 Octr. 1603; and the said buriall siluer to be payit to the said maister of kirkwark befoir any command or licience be grantit to raise or opin the card, and to be applyit and bestowit be him for mantening and vphalding of the fabrick of the said kirk: For the quhilk buriall siluer, the said maister of kirk-

wark sall be answerable and comptable yeirlie in his compts, and farder appoints the said maister of kirkwark to goe about the repair of the said kirkyaird dyke and stylls, prepairing of the ground, and making of the same in forme of ane houff, for the more decent burieing of the defunct persones; lykeas the saids baillies and counsell destinats and appoints the north syde of the said kirkyaird for burieing of the poor people and thair children of all sortis wha are not able to pay for thair burialls the pryces aboue set doune, and ordaines the haill inhabitantis of this burghe to be convenit be tuck of drum within the tolbuith of the samen, upon the second day of April next to come, that intimation may be maid to them of this present act, to the effect nane may pretend ignorance heirof in tyme comeing.

24 March 1647. — Act anent burialis in the kirkyaird.

25 *March* 1647.

25 March 1647. — Moir chosin to goe to Edinburgh.

The said day the counsell electit Mr Wm. Moir, baillie, to go to Edinburgh to joyn and concur with Mr Robert Farquhar, lait provest, thair commissioner, and with Patrik Leslie, provest, and Thomas Mortimer, lait baillie, wha alreddie ar there, in representing to the Committee of Estaittes the lamentable conditioun of the toun, great sufferings thairof, and heavie burdenes vnder which it groaneth, occasioned by the constant quartering of regementis thereon at free quarters thir diverse yieres bygane, and to vse all possible meanes for obtaining ane warrand to remove the generall of artailliarie and the recruit of Lair's regiment, wha hath quartered heir this haill winter, and still remains at free quarteris, or to get the generall of artaillarie moved to come north with all diligence to modell his regiment, or their pay to be sent to them, that they may defray at least their bygane quarters since the tent of March instant, and heirefter dureing their abide.

7 April 1647.

Act anent the collectours at ye kirk doors.

7 *April* 1647.

The said day, the counsell considering that the kirk of this burghe is much adebtit sua that the frabrik thairof can hardlie be manteaned vnles some way be provydit for that effect, thay thairfor ordaine the collectiouns vpone the Lord's day to be in the efternoone, and at the lecturs and mareages, and to be equallie divydit betwixt the master of kirkwark and collectour of the kirk sessione, and the deacones to be lyable in payment equallie to them thairof.

Eodem die.

Act anent foyllie.

Eodem die.

The same day, the counsell finding the great abuse committit be these wha permits thair foyllie and middings to ly on the streitis of this burgh, at the kirkyard dyks, tolbuith, and wther pairts thairof, they therfoir ordane all these wha have any foyllie and middings lyand in any part of this burgh, to remove the same befoir the 14 of this instant, being Wedinsday nixt, vnder the pain of ten punds, to be payit be ilk contravenar; and also the said counsell gives libertie and power to any wther persone in this burgh to transport and apply to thair owne vse suche middings as sall be fund vntransported and led away, efter the said 14 day of Aprile instant, and ordanes thir presents to be presentlie intimat be the bellman to the inhabitants, that nane pretend ignorance.

Eodem die.

Ordinance to the Mr. of kirkwark.

Eodem die.

The same day, the counsell ordanes the maister of kirkwark to put on doors, locks, and keyes such as ar wanting, and fitt, and preserve the back daskis belonging to umquhill Walter Menzies and Gilbert Hervie, eldar, in the old kirk, for accommodating of theise persones that ar appointit searchers on the Lord's day, that they may sitt thairin; and to caus remove that double dask in the old kirk neirest to the pulpit on the west syde thairof, fitt and prepair that roume for accomodating of the baptismers.

12 *April* 1647.

12 April 1647.

Precautions against the pest, now at Bervie.

The said day the haill toun for the maist pairt being convenit within the lauch counsellhous of this burghe be tuk of drum, it was exponit to thame convenit as said is, be the said Patrik Leslie, provest, that the magistratis of this burghe hade receaved certaine intelligence that the plague of pestilence wes raging in Bervie, and the said provest desyrit the saids inhabitants convenit as said is, that they wald tak head to themselues, and acquaint thair nichbours wha wer absent that they receave nane within thair houssis comeing from the south without ane sufficient testimoniall that they haue not bein in any suspect place of the plague, and for that effect ordanit ane watch to be keipit nicht and day be the inhabitants at all passages, towit, at the Bridge of Dee, Blokhous, Crabstane, and other pairts about the toun.

14 *April* 1647.

14 April 1647.

Report Moir of his commission to Edinburgh.

The said day Mr Moir, baillie, maid report in counsell of his commission in goeing to Edinburgh, and concurring with Mr Robert Farquhar, thair commissioner, Patrik Leslie, provest, and Thomas Mortimer, and representing to the Committee of the Estaitis the lamentable estait of this toun, and great sufferings thairof, with the quhilk report the counsell wes weill pleasit, and ordanes Alexander Farquhar, thesaurar, to pay his charges.

27 *April* 1647.

27 April 1647.

Ordinance to the inhabitants concerneing the plague.

The said day, the haill toun for the maist pairt being frequentlie convenit within the Gray Frier kirk of this brugh, be tuk of drum passing throw the haill streits of the toune, it wes appoynted to them be the said Patrick Leslie, provest, what iust feare and suspition ther wes of the plague of pestilence, quhilk wes werilie instantlie expected to be neir our

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doore, in Petmuckstoun, occasioned be comming of ane woman to the towne from Brechin, quhair the infection wes rageing, and that thair wes tua persones of that familie laitlie disceased; neither wes it certaine whether the infection wes enterit in this brugh alreadie, seing ane chyld, who wes ane of the tuo laitlie disceasit in Petmuckstoun, wes in ane of the English schooles within this burghe, and had conversation with the children of many of the inhabitants within this burghe, and because the watch wer not punctuallie keiped be the nichtbours and inhabitants on quhom it did fall by cours, but aither disdainit to watche themselues in thair persones, or wtherways did send out thair seruant or some weake nauchtie persone in thair stead and roum; therefore the saidis prouest and baillies, with consent of the haill inhabitants of the said brugh convenit for the tyme, all in one woyce appoynts and ordaines ane strong guard and watch of sixe score men to be keiped, alsweill be day as nicht, and that euerie inhabitant, without exceptioun of persones, being vigorous and fencible, keip the said watch as they shall be wairnit thairto, ilk persone wairnit and not compeirand under the payne of ane hundreth pounds, to be wplifted from ilk contraveiner, *toties quoties*, by and attour sic vther punishement as it shall please the magistrates to inflict for thair neglect and contempt: *Item*, that all ydle and stranger beggars be furthwith removed and banished the toun wnder the payne of scourging of them, and marking of them with ane burne yron, and that all dogs and cats, under the payne of tuentie pundis money, be likewayes killed within fourtie aucht houres after intimation, and poysone laid for destroying myce and ratons. *Item*, that the haill foyllie and middings be presentlie carried away alsweill aff the streits as out of clossis quhair the samen lyes, be the labourers or fermorers, or be these who wer in wse to carrie the same away, and that no pleuches or harrowes be suffered to goe till it first be removed, ilk persone contraveinand vnder the said pain of tuentie pounds attour the remoueing thairof, and that these who watch daylie goe about the toun and sie that neither pleuch nor harrow goe till first the tounc be cleanged of foyllie and middings; and that all foylie and

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middings be takin away aff the hie wayes, as they goe to the Crabstane, Calseyend, Womanhill, Old toun, Schoolehill, and vther parts, and that no persone of whatsoeuer qualitie remove out of this toune, nor be receavit within the same without sufficient passis: lykewayes, that no inhabitant within this brugh goe to the ensuing Rude faire to hauld at Ellon, nor buy any cleath thairin, aither be themselues or any wthers in thair names, directlie nor wnderectlie, under the payne of ane hundreth pounds to be payed to the dean of gild for the wse of the toune, attour the confiscation of the cloath sua to be coft, and also that there be no comerce, trade, or trafique be keipit with the inhabitants of Torrie or parochin of Nig, and that nane of them be sufferit to come to this toune or receauit thairin without dispensation or warrand from John Andersone in Torrie; or, in his absence, from any sufficient man that shall happin to be on watch on that syde of the Dee, and lykewayes that nane of the wedvywes sell throw the toune any clothes, old or new, vnder the payne of confiscation by and attour the punishment of their bodies, and that no stranger, man or woman, of whatsoeuer qualitie, be harbourit or receaued within this brugh in any lodgeing within the same, till first the magistraites be acquaint tharwith, vnder the lyke penaltie of tuelffe pounds, and that euerie inhabitant giue vp the names of such persones as sall happin to fall seik in thair houssis immediatlie after the taking of thair sicknes, quhat seiknes soeuer it sall happin to be, with certification to these wha sall do in the contrair that thair houssis and haill familie sall be closit up.

28 April 1647.

28 April 1647.

Cant's declaration.

The said day, Mr Andro Cant and Mr John Row, ministers of this burghe, compeirand in counsell, the said Mr Andrew shew and declarit that the committee for the kirk wes to be shortlie in this toun, and that he sould acquaint them with the number of persones to be heir, and that they wer ordanit to give in ane roll of the malignants names, but seing they wer not so surelie informit as the magistratis, they were loath to

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Cant's declaration.

medle thairwith, bot wald remit that to the magistratis and lay it to thair door; siclyke desyrit the vaccant roumes of the ministerie to be filled and supplied, and to tak ordour with the many whooredomes and abominations in this citie, speciallie of tapsteris, siclyk with Issobell Kempt and Archibald Cullen, drummer.

28 April 1647.
Act anent Kempt hir banishment.

28 *April* 1647.

The quhilk day, the provest, baillies, and counsell considering that their hes bein formerly diverse actis of banishment maid be the magistraits of this burgh against Issobell Kempt, spous to George Ronald, for hir bad and abhominable conversation, quhilkis ar fallin in oblivion and not put to execution inrespect of the iniquitie oftyme; thairfoir the saids provest, baillies, and counsell ordaines the said Issobell to be banisht the toun and never returne, vnder the pain of drouning, and that no inhabitant receave hir or give hir harbourie or intertainment vnder the pain of 20 li., and if any of the touns pensioners sall recept hir, they to amit and lose thair pension and benefit quhilk they haue from the toun, and ordanes intimation to be maid heirof out of the pulpits of this burgh on Sunday.

26 May 1647.
No meetings of counsell in respect of the plague.

26 *May* 1647.

It is heir to be rememberit that thair wes no counsell dayes keipit fra the said 26 May till the elvent day of August nixt thairefter, inrespect of the seiknes that wes in this toun, quhilk counsell wes haldin at the Woman hill.

11 August 1647.
Act allowing what the magistrates did the tyme of the visitation.

11 *August* 1647.

The said day the provest, baillies, and counsel taking to thair consideration the great extremitie quhairin the toun stands for the present, and cannot gudelie be manteined for lack of money to defray the great charge and burden the toune hes borne this long tyme bygane, and

daylie bears, so that vnles some speedie course be takin for remeid of the same, the toun will be castin loose, and no ordour keipit at all; thairfoir they statut and ordane that quhaireuer moneyes can be hade aither in the toun or in the cuntrie, that the samen be vpliftit and band gevin thairfoir, and ratifies and approues what hes bein done be the provest and baillies, or what sall be done heirefter for the weill of the toun, and they to be compleitlie satisfied and relewed of what soumes they haue alreadie borrowit, or sall happin to borrow heirefter, seing all they haue done hes bein for the weill and saiftie of the distrest toun, and therfoir ocht and sould be thankfullie payit of what soumes they tak vp.

11 August 1647.

Act allowing what the magistrates did the tyme of the visitation

11 *August* 1647.

11 August 1647.

It is heir to be rememberit that inrespect of the seiknes increasing, thair wes no counsell keipit till the day of electioun in Septr. 1647, quhilk election wes hauldin at the Womanhill.

Counsell meetings again interrupted by the plague.

23 *December* 1647.

23 Dec. 1647.

The said day the haill toun for the maist pairt being convenit at the mercat crosse be the hand bell throw the haill streits of the toun, quharon the beirer maid faith, it wes intimat and signified to thame be Patrik Leslie, provest, that all the inhabitantis of this burgh who hade any wncleane, foull, or suspect guds, geir, insicht, and plenishing, within thair houssis, sould daylie be themselues and thair servants wash, cleange, purge, expose, and put the same furth to the frost air, and vse all ordinar meanes for that effect, and sielyke whansoeuer any persone falls seik, that presentlie some on of their familie come to the constable of thair precinct, and in caice of his absence, to the baillie of thair quarter, and reveill the same wnder the pain of death, and that they recept no stranger within thair houssis till first they acquaint the constable of thair quarter.

Orders anent cleansing.

19 Jan. 1648.

Act anent craftisman concerneing prentissis.

19 *January* 1648.

The said day, the provest, baillies, and counsell ordaines euerie craftisman that aither hes bein admittit since Michaelmes last, or sall happin to be admittit freemen and burges of his craft gratis, sall be obleist to receive, ane prenteis whome the counsell or session sall appoint, but any prenteisfie for learneing and instructing him in his craft, paying onlie to his maister ten merkis, and geting ane stand of cloths at his entrie, and sielyke that in thair burges ticket they sall be lyable to the keiping of the touns statuts, and in caice they be fund of ane mutinous or seditious cariage efter tryall, to be depryvit of thair burgeship.

9 Feb. 1648.

A ferry-boat for the water of Dee.

9 *February* 1648.

The same day the counsell gives warrand and ordour to Andro Rait, maister of impost, to buy ane yoll be the advise and sicht of Alexr. and Thomas Boyes, for easeing the touns people, and ferreing them over the water of Dee, and appoints Alexr. Reid to have the vse of the said yoll till Witsunday nixt, and he to leave the said yoll at that tyme in alse gude caice, as he intrometit with the samen, and to mak his duelling and residence in the blokhouse till that tyme.

8 March 1648.

Ordinance to the thesaurar for a new handbell.

8 *March* 1648.

The same day the counsall ordanes John Donaldson, thesaurar, to send with all diligence to Flanders for ane new handbell, inrespect the present handbell is turnit vnvsefull, and they declair that what charges he bestowes in buying and bringing the same home sall be allowit to him in his compts.

8 *March* 1648.

8 March 1648.

Ordinance to the Mr. of Impost for building the shoir.

The quhilk day, the counsell haveing come to the shoir, and sein and considerit the great detriment done thairto by the impetuous force and speit of water, quhairby the shoir is undermyndit, and much thairof washin away: thairfoir, for preveiniug all farder prejudice or damnage, they ordane Andro Rait, present maister of impost, to caus build ane stane dyk of rockwork, beginning at the wast cunzie of vmquhill Alexander Donaldsone his yaird dyk, and joyning to the shoir, and declairis that whatsoeuer expenssis and charges he sall bestow thairon sall be allowit to him at the making of his compts: sicklyke ordanes him to tak the stanes from the back dyk and from the dam for building of the wall.

15 *March* 1648.

15 March 1648.

Ordinance for payment of John Duff.

The said day the counsell ordanes Patrik Moir, dean of gild, to pay to Capitane John Duff the soume of aucht hundreth merkis, and that for his gude service, excessive paines and trevall takin and performit be him the tyme of the visitation of this burghe, and that by and attour the soume of tua hundreth merkis receavit be him from Arthur Dalgardno, which makis in the haill to him for his pains the soume of ane thousand merkis, and sicklyke ordanes the said deane of gild to pay to the said John Duff the soume of threttie fyve pundis for his leads coft from him, and for wther merchand compts restand to him, quhilk they declair sall be allowit to him in his accompts.

26 *April* 1648.

26 April 1648.

St Catherines Hill to be enclosed.

The said day, anent the supplication gevin in to the provest, ballies, and counsell be Alexr. Jaffray, lait baillie, Alexr. Burnet, eldar, John Donaldson, Alex. Farquhar, Gilbert Hervie, Alexr. Howisone, Thomas Cargill, Gilbert Leslie, Alexr. Ramsay, Thomas Smith, Katherein Lichtoun,

26 April 1648.

St Catherines Hill to be enclosed.

Effie Robertsone, makand mention that quair if it wald please thair honors, efter thair vprysing, to repair to Sanct Catherins Hill, and that efter thair sicht and consideration, to grant vnto them libertie to build vp all the breaches round about the said hill, and to grant them also libertie to build ane close dyk, with ane yet thairin for thair honours vse and thairs, and that for avoiding the meiting of whoores, shankwyuers, and horssis, that vssis to have thair meitting thair, quhilk cannot be avoydit except the said hill be made close; and if any honest man within the grein, or any wther pairt of the toun, pleassis to caus mak themselues keyes for repairing to the said hill, they to have that samen libertie that they have, and all this bot dureing thair honouris pleasure, as in the said supplication at mair lenth is contenit; quhilk being red, hard, sein and considerit in presence of the said counsell, and they thairwith ryplie, and at lenth advised, the counsell having come to the ground of the land callit Sanct Catherins Hill, gives libertie to the supplicants to build ane dyk from the vpmost nuik of the yaird of close to the nuik of my Lord Forbes his dyk, and to put ane doore, with ane lock and key thairon, and the dyk to stand no longer bot dureing the counsellis pleasure allanerlie; and it sall be lesume to any nichtbour within the toun, to have ane key of his owne for opening of the said doore at thair plesure; and it sall alwayes be lesume to the heretouris of the back yettis that goes to Sanct Catherins Hill to appropriat the peice ground for the vse of themselues, bot commoun to all honest nichtboures within the toune.

24 *May* 1648.

24 May 1648.

Meldrum electit captaen over the touns company.

The quhilk day, the provest, baillies, and counsell, all in one voice but contradictioun, electit, nominat, and chuisit Captain Thomas Meldrum to be captane and leader of the company of soiours as ar to be levied furth of this burgh for the present expedition into England, conforme to the act of parliament maid in favouris of burrowis royal, and ordaines him, im-

mediatlie efter the dait heirof, to enter with his charge in training vp and dreilling of the said company, and useing all militarie discipline over thame, conforme to ordour vseit in sic caices.

24 May 1648.

Meldrum electit captane over the toums company.

29 *May* 1648.

29 May 1648.

Ordinance to the maister of kirkwark and dean of gild.

The said day the counsell giues warrand to Robert Crukschank, maister of kirkwark, and Patrik Moir, dean of gild, to buy alse much lead as will sufficientlie serue the kirk and tolbuith steple, quhilk lead sall be allowit to them at the making of thair comptis.

31 *May* 1648.

31 May 1648.

Issobell Chalmer repouit to the Lady Rothiemay hir mortificatiouun.

The said day the counsall repone and readmit Issobell Chalmer, lauchfull dochter to vmquhill George Chalmer of Balbethan, to hir former pension, towit, the annuelrent and profit of the soume of ane thousand punds money mortified by the Lady Rothimay for the vse of ane mistres of schoole within this burghe, in training vp young women in reiding, writing, sewing, and musick, conforme to the said Lady hir mortification thairanent, and to the annualrents of the said soume, sic as are restand be deceise of vmquhill Issobell Gray, last mistres of schoole, wha wes presented be the said Lady to receave the said benefit.

28 *June* 1648.

28 June 1648.

Statut on sklaitteris.

The said day the counsell, considering the exorbitant pryces taken be the sklaitters from all they work too, of their extortioning of the inhabitants of this burghe, for remeid heirof, and restraining sic exorbitancies in tyme coming, statuts and ordanes that every maister sall haue 24 s. ilk day, without meat or drink; and euerie man that works with the trewall

28 June 1648.
Statut on sklaitters.

12s. daylie, and the carier of the lyme 6s. 8d. daylie, all but meit or drink, except these they work to sall be pleasit of thair oune accord; and this statute to endure dureing the counsellis plesure.

28 June 1648.
Payments to the touns clerks.

28 *June* 1648.

The said day the counsell, considering that there wes ane large composition yeirlie formerlie dew to the substitut clerk of this burghe for his service, and now seing that in place of the substitut the clerks are conjunct, and the toune servit by thame whose pains are great; thairfoir they ordaine the saids conjunct clerks to haue the composition of a burges, being four hundreth merkis payit yeirlie to thame, equallie betwixt thame, beginnand the first yeirs payment for this instant yeir 1648 yeirs, and sua furth to continow; and appoints the dean of gild to pay the said composition yeirlie, and Patrik Moir, present dean of gild, to begin and pay the same for this instant yeir, which the connsall declairs sall be allowit to him at the making of his accompts.

9 August 1648.
Ordinance to the maister of hospitale.

9 *August* 1648.

The said day the counsell ordanines John Straquhan, maister of hospitale, to caus dicht and cleange the bedhous, and to tak inventar of the haill keyes and what moveables are within the said hous, and thairefter to deliver the keyes and moveables be inventar to the bonnet and hose wyvers laitlie come to this burgh, to the effect thay may dwall and mak thair residence in the said bedhous till Witsunday next, that they provyd severall duellings for themselues.

23 August 1648.
Ordinance to the deane of gild.

23 *August* 1648.

The said day the counsell ordanes Patrik Moir, dean of gild, to pay to Wm. Gray and John Hay, cleangers, wha ar to remain constantlie at

the hills for cleanging of such persons and guids as happens to be infectit by the plague of pestilence, ilk ane of them four punds weiklie for thair pains and attendance, with sex s. aucht d. to ilk ane of them for thair aliamenter daylie, beginnand on Saturday last, the 19 of this instant, and to continew from thence furth in receaving payment of the saids dews dureing thair abode and service at the saids hills, quhilk dews thay declair sall be allowit to the dean of gild at the making of his accompts.

23 August 1648. — Ordinance to the deane of gild.

11 *November* 1648.

11 Nov. 1648.

The said day, the counsell being convenit, and taking to thair consideration the sinfulness of the lait wnlawfull ingaidgment, and how great a breach the samen wes of the covenant, did vnanimuslie disclaime the samen, and reschindit all actis maid for promoveing thairof, and ordanit the haill toune to be convenit wpon Munday nixt be tuik of drum, for that effect.

Ingadgment disclaimed.

Eodem die.

Eodem die.

The said day the magistrates and town counsell taking to consideration that part of the act of the Committee of Estaits, enjoyneing thame to try the cariadge of their clerkis, and particularlie thair behaviour in relatioun to the lait vnlawfull ingadement, and as they sall find them guiltie, that they proceid to the deposing of them, or any of them, and to fill thair places with able and qualified men, as they sall find most conduceable to the good of the publiet caus and service of the said toun: in obedience quhairoff they did pose Mr John Chalmer, thair clerk, anent the mater of the said ingadgement, and his accession thairto; quha declairit that he did sit as clerk to the committee of the shyr in thair meetingis concerning the leavie for the said ingadgement, bot quhan the band was offerit to him he did refuise to subscryue the samen; as lykewayes he grantit he haid sittin in the toun counsell and heid court quhan thair

Trial of the clerk anent the ingadgement.

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captaine and stentaris for the said tounes companie wer chosen: who thairefter being removit, and the counsell being resolved to proceid in the said business, vpone the desyre of the said Mr Johne, did continew any farder procedour in the said mater till that day aucht days.

22 Nov. 1648.

Demission of Mr John Chalmer, town clerk.

22 *November* 1648.

The said day compeirit Mr Johne Chalmer, quha according to his undirtaking the last counsell day, of the fyftenit of November instant, presentit and gave in his dimissioun of the toun clerkschip of Abirdein, subscryvyit with his hand, quhairoff the counsell acceptit, and the tenour thairoff is as followes: I, Maister Johne Chalmer, toun clerk of Aberdein, forsamekill as since the deceise of umquhile Maister Patrick Chalmer, my elder brother, Shirreff and toun clerk of Aberdein, I have servit in both the saids offices, and undergone the charge thairof faithfullie and diligentlie, according to my powar, and now finding the burding of both the saidis offices to be too weyghtie, in respect of the varietie and multiplicietie of great effairis incumbent thairto, and werie prejudiciall to my health, perceaveing the samen daylie sensible to decay; thairfoir wit ye me to have dimittit, and be the tennour heirof dimittis the office of toun clerkschip of the burghe of Aberdein, with the proffeitis, privileges, and commodities belonging thairto, in the hands of the provest, baillies, and counsall of the said burghe, to the effect they may nomenait and admitt thairto any sufficient and qualified man they sall think expediente; reserving alwayis to me notwithstanding of this present dimissioun, the libertie and powar to extract and subscryve all instruments of saising givin be myselff, and all transumptis of instrumentis givin be my umquhill brother, and the extractis of all registratiounes, decreitis, and actis givin, done, and past in aither of our tymes preceiding this present dimissioun, quhich wer not extractit nor payment givin thairfoir to any of us, and to receave payment from the owneris thairoff for the samen. In witness quhairoff thir presentis,

written be William Chalmer, notar publict, my servant, and subscryvit be me at Aberdein, the twentie twa day of Nov., j^m vi^c fourtie aucht yeires. *Sic subscribitur*, Mr J. Chalmer.

22 Nov. 1648. — Demission of Mr John Chalmer, town clerk.

30 *November* 1648.

30 Nov. 1648. — Stentaris for aucht footmen.

The said day, the counsell electit, nominat, and chosit the persones following, thay are to say, James Robertsone, William Shand, Hector Smith, Peter Schirres, Walter Cochran, Gilbert Hervie, Robert Smith, Wm. Ord, Charles Robertsone, Gilbert Skeyne, John Duff, Patrick Murray, Alexr. Ramsay, Charles Dun, Thomas Rogers, James Clerk and Robert Forbes of Robislaw, stentaris, for stenting the toun for aucht footmen, imposit upon this burghe as thair proportionall part of ane hundreth tuentie sex men, imposit wpon the whole schyr be the committee of Estait, conforme to the warrant direct thairanent.

6 *December* 1648.

6 Dec. 1648. — Swearers and drunkards to be punished.

The said day, the counsell being supplicat be certaine ministeris sent from the provinciall assemblie, desyring them to caus tak notice of all landward persones that beis fund within this brughe, aither drunk, sweareing, cursing, or any wther way debording, that the magistratis wold delait thair names to the ministeris of the toune, that they may represent thair names to thair awin ministeris quhair they duell, to be punished as thair awin ministeris and sessioun sall think expedient: thairfoir the counsell ordaines that quhatsumewer persone or persones of quhatsumewer qualitie, quho beis fund drunk, swearing, or any wther wayis debording, that they be apprehendit, and wardett, and wtherwayis punisched in thair purses, at the discretioun of the magistratis.

3 *January* 1649.

3 Jan. 1649.

Mr James Sandilands to be toune clerk.

The said day the counsall nominatis Mr James Sandilandis to be toune clerk of the burghe, and appoyntis the provest and baillies to speak with him for that effect.

8 *March* 1649.

8 March 1649.

The concealer of a sick person punished.

The same day the counsell ordanes Patrik Watsone, litster, for conceilling ane seik persone within his hous, being constable himselff, to goe presentlie to waird quhill the mercat day, and then, according to ordour, to goe to the scaffold, and ther stand with the shekells on his hands from ten hours to tuelff, and sielyke pay ane hundrethe merkis to the dean of gild, and to redeime himseff frome the scaffold be payment to the said dean of gild of ane uther hundreth merkis, making in all tua hundreth merkis.

9 *May* 1649.

9 May 1649.

Act for transplantatioun of the comissar.

The said day, the counsall ordanit the act of parliament, anent the transplantatioun of the comissar, to be registrat in the counsell buiks, quhar-of the tennour followes: At Edinburgh the sexteint day of March 1649, the Estaitis of Parliament presentlie convenit in the secound sessioun of the secound trienniell parliament, taking to thair consideratioun that the Commissar of Abirden hes his seat of justice within ane village callit Old Abirdein, quhair nether procuratouris nor wther members of court duellis nor can convenientlie attend, so that the lieges duelling within the said diocie of Abirdein ar mutch damnified and disappoynted of justice thairby, and that it wold tend mutch to the good of the leigis that the said commissar did sit and administrat justice within the brughe of Abirdein, quhair all wther judicatories of that boundis does sit, and members of the said commissariot duellis; thairfoir, and in respect that it is the earnest

desyr of the commissioneris of the said schyir and brughe of Abirdein and members of the said Commissariot, they doe ordaine that in all tyme coming the said Commissar of Abirdein and his deputis sall sit and administer justice within the brughe of Abirdein, quhair procuratouris and memberis of court may attend, and the leigis may be easit and not preiudgit for want of thair attendance, and declares thir presentis sall be ane sufficient warrand for the said commissar to change his seat of justice to the place foirsaid, and to sit and administrat in the monethis of March, Appryll and May present, notwithstanding of the present waccance and sitting of the parliament. *Sic subscribitur*, A. Johnstoun, *clericus registri*.

9 May 1649.

Act for transplantatioun of the comissar.

9 *May* 1649.

9 May 1649.

The same day, the counsell gave ordour and warrand to the dean of gild to repair the chappell and alsmutch thairoff as will be sufficient for commodating of the comissariat, with powar to him to caus big partitioun wallis, barres with ane seat for the judge and clerkis, strick out lightis and ane entrie, and to caus fyll and lay the floor with daillis; and in respect the present commissar, maister Thomas Sandilandis hes gratified the toun in condescending willinglie to the transportatioun of the said commissariot; thairfor, for the said Mr Thomas, his better accommodatioun during the said Mr Thomas his awin tyme allanerlie, that ane comodious chamber be prowydit within the said toune for keiping of the registeris of the said judicatorie, and the dene of gild for the tyme to pay the maill of it, and this by and attour the chalmer on the end of the chappell, and quhilk they ordanit lykwayis to be repaired for accomodatioun of the said judicatorie.

Act in favores of comissar.

Eodem die.

Eodem die.

The said day, the counsell taking to thair consideration the great abuse that is committit be sindrie inhabitants of the toun and about the

Anent horses going loose.

9 May 1649.

Anent horses going loose.

samen, and willfullie putting out thair horssis and suffering them to goe at randome and destroy the cornes and hained grass about the toun, and lyes amongst the saidis cornes haill nights; thairfoir it is statut and ordanit that if any horssis sall be fund and apprehendit wpon any manes sawin corn, landis or hained grass, spoyling and destroying the samen, that for ewerie tyme they sall be so apprehendit, the awner of the horse sall pay to the auner of the cornes or grass threttein schillingis four penneis money, *toties quoties*, by and attour the skaith according to the extent of the samen, and for ewerie night they sall be apprehendit lying amongis the saids cornes or grass, they sall pay ane dollour for ilk horse, *toties quoties*, and the apprehendar of the horse or awner of the cornes or grass sall haue power to tak and keip the said horse so apprehendit, ay and quhill they be satisfied of the said penaltie and skaith committed as said is, and this without any forgivenes or mitigation, and ordaines publict intimatioun to be maid of thir presentis.

6 June 1649.

The provost's cushion in the kirk to be renewed.

6 *June* 1649.

The counsell ordaines the maister of the kirkwark to renew and mack wp the cushin that lyes befoir the provost with the veluet cloath on it, becaus the former new cushing was stollin out of the kirk.

20 June 1649.

Ordinance to the maister of kirkwark.

20 *June* 1649.

The said day, the counsell gives warrand to Alexr. Barnet, present maister of kirkwark, to caus repair the Gray Frier kirk, with all necessaris requisit for reparation thairoff, seing the samen is altogidder rwinous for the tyme, and the deallis that ar the seatis in the Gray Frier kirk to be sarking thairto.

20 *June* 1649.

20 June 1649.

Anent Mr Wm. Moirs presentation to be Principal of the College.

The said day the counsell taking to thair consideratioun that Mr Wm. Moir, present baillie, and professor of mathematickis in the New Colledge, is presented to the office of principalitie in the said colledge, and that in ane contract past betwixt the counsell and Mr Wm. Moir anent the said professioun of mathematickis, thair is tua claussis and heidis, ane anent his not accepting of any wther place in the said colledge, unless he suld dimitt the said professioun of mathematiques; the wther anent his accepting of any office of the magistracie in the said burghe, with the quhilk tua claussis the said counsell, all in ane woice, hes dispensed and past fra, and be the tennour hereof, discharges of that pairt of the said contract for ever.

18 *July* 1649.

18 July 1649.

Repayment to James Farquhar of advances made during war.

The said day the counsell taking to thair consideratioun the supplicatioun of James Farquhar, burges of Aberdeine, makand mentioun that quhair the said James, be ordour of the magistratis for the tyme, did advance to Montroise, and his officiaris, after the feight at Aberdeine, September 13, 1644, and in Marche 1645, after the killing of Donald Farquharsone, quhan Alexr. Mackdonald wes lying in this brughe, for preservatioun and saiftie of the samen, in merchandice and wairis, extending to the sowme of four thovsand sewin hundreth nyntie pundis fourtein shilling ten pennies: and the report of Mr Wm. Moir, George Cullen, baillies, and Walter Cochrain, lait baillie, quha wer appoyntit be the counsall to be visitoris to the said James his compts, quhilk report the said James presentit vnder thair handis, that they had takin exact notice of the saidis compts, and had examined euerie particular thairin, calculat and wysit the samen; and that the said James haid advancit be warrand and subscrywit ordour of the saidis baillies, of merchandice and money, all and haill the soume of four thousand sewin hundreth nyntie pundis fourtein

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schillingis ten pennies, and wes restand to the said James sen Witsonday j^{m}. vj^{c}. fourtie fyve yeiris: thairfoir for satisfactioun and payment to the said James, the counsall declaires the said soume of four thousand sewin hundreth nyntie pundis fourtein shillings ten pennies to be justlie restand be thame and thair successores, and to be ane publict debt, and ordaines the same to be payit be the tounes thesaurer at Mertimes nixt, with ane yeires annualrent and proffeit, in respect the same hes been long restand, togidder with the annuallrent and proffeit of the said principall sowme and yeiris proffeit, yeirlie, termlie, and continowallie, ay and sua lang as it sall happin to remain wnpayit efter the said terme.

25 July 1649.

Act Alexr. Jaffray anent the tounes losses.

25 *July* 1649.

The said day, Alexr. Jaffray, efter his comeing from the Assemblie and Parliament, produceit the commissione of losses of the toune, with the report of the samen, togidder with the Act of Parliament of lent moneyis, with the twa subscryvit and approwin comptis within ane wther Act of Parliament, conteining the tounes haill lossis approwin, and the releiff of ane thousand pund sterling, the dait tharoff the tuelff of March 1649, togidder with tua letteris of Capitane Watsones, and ane compt concerneing the cannon; and the said Alexr. declairit that he haid left Doctor Reids testament and the townes great chartour in Edinburgh with his brother. *Item*, produceit the decreit of the Lordis anent the Laird of Drumes mortificatioune. *Item*, ane supplicatioun and discharge by Mr Robert Farquhar, with instructiones fra the burrowes, togidder with the compt of his charges during the tyme he wes commissioner for the Parliament, General Assemblie, and Conventioun of Burrowes; quhilk compt the counsell acknowledgit and allowit, and ordanit William Petrie, dean of gild, to advance the samen, and to get repetitioun thairoff from the thesaurer, and the counsell thankit the said Alexr. heartilie for his paines, and dischargit him of his commissioun.

15 *August* 1649.

15 August 1649.

Act in favoris of Robertsone for rebuilding his house ruined in the troubles.

The said day, anent the supplicatioun givin in be Mr Alexr. Robertsone, minister at Cluny, makand mentioun that quhair the said Mr Alexr. haid ane tenement of land belonging to him lyand in the Schipraw, quhilk be the distractiones of the tyme wes almost rwinous, and the foirstair thairoff pulled all downe, pairtlie be the soioris quartered in this brughe, and pairtlie be the common enimie of this kirk and kingdome, as in the said petitioun at mair lenth is contenit, quhilk being red, hard, sein, and considerit, ane sufficient quorum of the counsell went wpon the ground of the said house, and efter dew consideratioun, gave licience to the said Mr Alexr. Robertsone to build up his said foirstair as it was abefoir, with this conditioun alwayis, that the stair and entrie to the said house be buildit within the house, and not wpone the foirget, as it wes abefoir.

19 *September* 1649.

19 Sept. 1649.

Act anent Innes.

The said day, the counsell taking to their consideratioun the ryot committed be Patrik Innes and Patrik Leslie, lait provest, within the clerkis chalmer, aganis Mr John Sandilands, and lykwayis thairefter be the said Patrik Innes and his complices wpone the streitis aganis the magistratis of the said brughe and the said Mr John; thairfoir the counsell ordaines the said magistratis to prosecut the said busines befoir the Committee of Estaitis, or any wther judge, with all diligence, and to raise summondisse for that effect.

11 *October* 1649.

11 Oct. 1649.

Thomas Gray and others agree to act for the public good ad interim.

The said day, the persones foirsaid taking to thair consideratioun the dangerous conditioun of the toun be the infectioun daylie increasing, did entreat Mr Thomas Gray, Mr Wm. Moir, Alexr. Jaffray, George Cullen, and Johne Leslie, that albeit they wald not accept of thair places as ma-

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gistrates in acknowledgeing the said lait electioun, yet, in respect of the necessitie the toun wes in for the present, they wold be pleasit to supplie for the interim, quha for the maist pairt being present, did promise to doe what service to the toun they culd till some farder ordour suld be takin.

17 *October* 1649.

17 Oct. 1649.

Act to the masters of the correction hous for repayment of advances made during the troubles.

The said day, the counsell taking to thair consideration ane supplicatioun givin in be Mr Robert Farquhar, Mr Thomas Gray, George Morisone, Walter Cochrain, the airis of vmquhill Johne Leslie, Johne Scot, and Adame Gordoune, awners of ane manufactorie for making of broad cloathe, mackand mentioun that quhair in the moneth of September 1644, efter the losing the battell at Abirden, and the killing a great number of citizens be the Irishes, for preservatioun of the merchandis boothes, be consent and warrand of the magistratis and nichtbouris of the towne, thair wes taikin out of the chope belonging to the saidis awneris to be given to commanderis of the Irish army, the number of tua hundreth fourscoir sex elnes cloth, and ane hundreth fourscoir fyftein elnes baise, with fourscoir ane pundis money, according to the said warrand, extending in all to the sowme of ane thowsand, aucht hundreth, threiscoir thrie pundis, sextein shillingis, aucht pennies money, and that of the said sowme and annualrentis thairoff since that tyme thay haid receavit nathing, notwithstanding it wes delyuerit for most onerous caussis, being for the saiftie of the haill towne, and that it hes bein receavit and approwin be the counsell as ane publict debt, and ordanit be them to be payit: quhairfoir that the counsell wold be pleasit to tack course for payment to the saidis awneris of the said principall sowme and annualrentis since the said terme, as in the said petition at mair lenth is contanit; quhilk being red, hard, sein, and considerit, and alse the report of Mr Wm. Moir, George Cullen, and Walter Cochran, auditouris and wissitouris of the saidis compts appoynted be the counsell for that effect, the counsell findis the saidis compts sufficientlie werefied, and declaires the samen to be ane publict debt, and that

thair is the sowne of ane thowsand, aucht hundreth, thriescoir thrie pundis, sextein shillingis, aucht pennies money to be justlie restand awand to the saidis supplicantis; and considering ane former act of counsell, of the dait the twentie aucht day of October j^m vi^c and fourtie sex yeires, grantit to them thairupone: thairfoir thay ordaine the said sowne of 1863 lib. 16s. 8d. to be payit to the said awneris equallie amongis them, as cumes to everie on of them ane aucht pairt of the said sowme, at 232 lb. 14s. 7d. be the thesaurer, at Mertimes nixt to cum 1649, with the annualrent thairoff during the not payment of the samen efter the said terme.

17 Oct. 1649.

Act to the masters of the correction hous for repayment of advances made during the troubles.

17 *October* 1649.

17 Oct. 1649.

The said day, the provost, baillies, and counsell gives ordour and warrand to Thomas Melvill, dean of gild, to buy ane bell to the consistorie place on the Castellhill, of the weight of
and to pay for the samen, quhilk sall be allowit to him in his compts.

Ordinance to the dean of gild for a bell to the consistorie.

31 *October* 1649.

31 Oct. 1649.

The said day, the provost, baillies, and counsell haue statut and ordanit, and be thir presentis statutes and ordaines that all quhytbread to be baken be the baikeris of this brughe for the yeir to cum to be of good sufficient stuff, weill baken, and to be of the paise and weicht underwrittin, viz., ilk tua shilling loaff fyfteine vnce weicht, and ilk tuelff pennie loaff sewin vnce and a halff, and sua furth proportionallie, under paine of fyue pundis money, *toties*.

Anent quytbreid.

7 *November* 1649.

7 Nov. 1649.

The said day, the counsell taking to thair consideratioun the insufficiencie of siluer work maid within this brughe, haue nominat and appoyntit, and by the tennour heirof nominatis and appointis William

A tryar of gold and silver work appointed.

7 Nov. 1649.

A tryar of gold and silver work appointed.

Andersone, goldsmyth, to be tryar of all gold and siluer wark to be maid within the said brughe for the yeir to cum, and being sufficient and markit with the prob, to put on the townes mark, and for that effect nominatis and appoyntis the said Wm. Andersone, keiper of the townes mark for this present yeir; the said Wm. Andersone being personallie present, accepit the said office, and gave aith *de fideli administratione*, and obleist him that all work that sould pas his work and the townes mark sall be elewin pennie fyne; and if thair be any wark fund of less walew markit as said is, he sall be lyable for the samen, according to the ordinar rait. *Sic subscribitur* William Andersone.

8 *November* 1649.

8 Nov. 1649.

Proceedings anent election of magistrates.

The said day, the persones following, thay ar to say, Mr Thomas Gray, Mr Wm. Moir, Alexander Jaffray, Robert Cruikshank, Wm. Petrie, Mr Alexr. Skeyne, Alexr. Burnet, elder, Patrik Moir, George Meldrum, Andrew Rait, Robert Ker, Johne Galloway, younger, Alexr. Harper, Alexr. Forbes, Williame Thomsone, James Anderson, younger, Johne Malies, cowper, and William Sangster, being convenit be the said Alexr. Jaffray in the heigh counsell hous, be wertew of ane charge of horneing givin to them for that effect, the said Alexr. Jaffray exponit to them that he being sent as commissioner to the Committee of Estates anent the mater of electioun of new counsell be these of the old counsell, quha for obedience to the Lord Chancellar his letter, did convein, vpon the ellevint day of October last, he hade done his best to informe the Committee of Estaites anent thair proceedingis, and that the said committee, after serious consideratioun and dew tryell and inquirie of the matter and qualitie of the persones within burghe be thair act appoyntit and ordanit, as the samen at mair lenth is contenit, of the quhilk act the tennour followis:—Edinburgh, the 27 October 1648. The Committee of the Estaits, taking into consideration that albeit be the actis of the 22 of September last, and fourth of October instant, they did appoynt and ordaine that no persone

8 Nov. 1649.

Proceedings anent election of magistrates.

foirsaid, if it suld stand; and for establishing the election of the said brughe in the ordinarie dew and legall way for the tyme to come, and for diuerse wther important caussis and consideratiounes moveing them, the Committee of Estaites have thought fitt to tak wpon them the electioun of the counsell of the said brughe for this present yeir; and haveing informed themselffis of the conditioun of the said toun, and of the paucitie of those that ar able and qualified men (according to the actis) theirin, they doe thairfoir nominat and appoynt for the tyme the persones vnderwrittin, inhabitants and burgessis of the said burghe, viz., Robert Cruikshank, George Cullen, Wm. Petrie, Mr Thomas Gray, Mr Wm. Moir, Mr Alexr. Skeine, Patrik Moir, George Meldrum, Alexr. Burnet, elder, Robert Ker, Johne Galloway, younger, Andrew Raitt, Alexr. Harper, Alexr. Forbes, Alexr. Jaffray, William Thomsone, James Andersone, younger, Johne Malice, cowper, and William Sangster, webster, to be nyntein counsellouris of the said burghe for this present yeir, and ordaines them to continue within the ordinarie place of meitting wpon the fyftent day of Novr. nixt to come at fardest, or soner if convenientlie, and thair by themselffis onlie mak choise of the provest, baillies, and other officiaris and magistrates within the said burghe, for the samen yeir, of thair awin number; quhilk persones ar heirby ordained to accept of and exerce the office of magistracie untill the nixt ordinarie tyme of electioune, and then they ar to mak choice of thair successores in the saidis places for the yeir thairefter following, of men of known integritie and affectioun to the caus, as they will be answerable, conforme to the law and wsuall custome of the said brughe; and it is heirby declaired, that this act sall newer prejudge any infeftmentis and saisingis givin be the persones elected in maner foirsaid, in conveyance of rightis or administratioun of justice, or keiping the said toune in ordour this tyme bygane, nor the priviledges and liberties of the said burghe in the electioun of thair magistratis and toune counsell in tyme cuming. And the said counsell being chosin and elected in maner foirsaid, ar heirby also requyred that how sone they have mett and acceptit of thair places, that with all convenient diligence they tack to thair consideratioun and exactlie

21 Nov. 1649.

Payment ordered for goods givin to the armies during the troubles.

21 *November* 1649.

The said day, anent the supplicatioun givin in be John Donaldsone, younger burges of Aberdein, mackand mention, that quhair at the directioun of the magistrats for the tyme, he did furnish and advance diverse merchand waires to the armies for the good and saiftie of the toune, conforme to ane compt givin in be him with the said supplicatioun, extending to the soume of sex hundreth tuentie four pundis thrie shillingis fyve pennies, as in the said supplicatioun at mair lenth is contenit, quhilk being in presence of the provest, baillies, and counsell, togedder with the report of Walter Cochran, Alexander Burnet, eldar, Alexander Ramsay, auditouris, appoyntit be the counsell for visiting the said compt, and thairwith being ryplie, and at lenth advysit, fand the said soume of sex hundreth tuentie four pundis thrie shillingis fyve pennies money to be justlie restand to the said Johne; thairfor the saidis provost, baillies, and counsall, declairit the samen to be ane publict debt, and ordainit Thomes Boyes, present thesaurer, to pay and delyver to the said Johne the said sowme of sex hundreth tuentie four pundis thrie shillings fyve pennies money, at the terme of Mertimes last by past, with the annual rent of the said sowme, restand onpayit, sen the said terme of peyment, and in tyme cumeing during the not peyment thairoff eftir the said terme.

28 Nov. 1649.

Payment for goods to certain Irish officiaris.

28 *November* 1649.

The said day, the provost, baillies, and counsell, taking to thair consideratioun ane supplicatioun givin in be Alexr. Lumsden, burges of Aberdein, makand mention that quhair Johne Hay and Thomas Mortimer, baillies, quhen the Irishes wer in this burghe, gave warrand for uptaking of certain hattes, cloth, and wther furnitour for certain Irish officiaris, and at that tyme thair wes takin wp from the said Alexander, merchandice and wther furnitour, amounting to the sowme of thrie hundreth sewintie nyne pundis

12 Dec. 1649. — Anent stentaris.

proportioun vsit and observit in former stentis be dewlie keipit be the stentaris of this present stent, but prejudice of alteratioun in tyme cumeing, according to the equitie and reasone, and the pratique of wther burghes.

12 Dec. 1649. — Payment for wine to Lord Aboyne.

12 *December* 1649.

The said day, the provest, baillies, and counsell, taking to thair consideration ane supplicatioun gevin in be Alexander Ramsay, burges of Aberdein, mackand mentioun that quhair at command of Johne Hay and Thomas Mortimer, baillies, he delyuerit to wmquhill Lord of Aboyne, ane puncheon of wyne for saiftie of the toune, extending to ane hundreth merkis money; thairfoir desyrand the counsell to tack such course with him as they tack with wtheris of the lyke caice, as in the said supplication at mair length is contenit; quhilk being red, togedder with the warrand subscryvit be the saids baillies, and the counsell thairwith being ryplie, and at lenth adyvisit, fand and declaired the samen to be ane publict debt; thairfoir they ordanit the said sowme of ane hundreth merkis money to be payit to the said Alexr. Ramsay at Witsonday nixt, be Thomas Boyes, thesaurer, with the annual rent, and proffeitt thairoff yeirlie, termlie, and continowallie, ay and sua lang as the samen sall happin to remain wnpayit after the terme of payment foirsaid.

19 Dec. 1649. — Act anent buriallis.

19 *December* 1649.

The said day, forsamikill as be ane act of the General Assemblie, and the laudable practique of this kingdome, the buricing within kirkis is now abolished, and persones of all sortis and rankis ar now buried in the kirkyaird and other publict pairtes appoynted for buriall, and seing thairby within this brughe many persones of mean qualitie and conditionne quho ar buried in the ordinar place of buriall, cannot attaine nor be able to pay for thair lair according to the old rait as was exacted for buriallis within church abefoir, the deacone conueiner, in nam and behalff of the haill

19 Dec. 1649. — Act anent buriallis.

tounes possessioun befoir, as of the mortcloth to be giwen in be the craftis for persones of aidge to be twentie shillingis, and for barnes ten shillingis. And in testimonie of the craftis, thair contentment of the pryces aboue written, they gave in thair mortclothes of blackcloth to be keipit be the thesaurer, and obleisses themselffis to mak use onlie of the common cloathes in all tyme comeing, according as the rest of the inhabitantis of this brugh doe, and at the ratis and pryces aboue writtin. It is speciallie condescendit, that the pryces of the laires aboue written sall nowayis be extendit to those quha sall haue any tombes or lair stanes to ly wpone thair graves, but the counsell sall let doune the pryce thairon as occasioun and the qualite of the persone sall requyr: lykwayis if it fall out that the toune sall haue occasioun of buying and erecting ane common houff and buriall place by the kirkyaird, it sall be lawful to the counsell to alter the pryce of buriallis and laires as necessitie sall requyr. And in testimonie of the craftis, thair consent to the premisses, the deacon conveiner, and the haill deacones of the craftis in nam of the rest, and the provost and baillies have subscryvit this present act, day, yeir, and place foresaid. *Sic subscribitur*, Al. Jaffray, provost; G. Morisone, baillie; Geo. Cullen, baillie; Jo. Jaffray, baillie; Walter Cochrane, baillie.

2 Jan. 1650. — A help to a prenteise in the correction house going to Holland.

2 *January* 1650.

The said day, the counsell taking to thair consideratioun that James Oglay, quha was prenteise in the correction hous at the wyveing traid, and now being of intentioun to gae aff the cuntrie to Holland for attening sum perfectioune of vyveing of stuffis, broad-cloath, etc., the counsell ordaines to defray a pairt of his chargis, and to help him in his woyadge, the maister of mortified money to give him tuentie sewin pundis ten schillinges out of Maister Robert Johnstoune his mortificatioune, appoyntit for ane manufactorie.

25 June 1650.

Letter announcing a visit of King Charles II.

25 *June* 1650.

The said day, the counsell being convenit for macking provisioun for his majesties incumeing to this brughe, the letter sent to the magistratis of this brughe be the commissioneris wes read in counsell for that effect, and ordanit to be registrat, quhairoff the tennour followes: Worschipfull and good freindis we haue directed these to let you know that the king is saiflie arryved, and intendis, if God permit, to be at Aberdein on Thursday, at night: thairfoir ye will tack such cair to prowyd fit lodgingis for him, and for the commissioneris, and for the trayne, as may be best haid on so short adverteisementis, and we beseik you let nothing be wanting quhich may testifie your affectioun to the native king, quha hath fullie assured all the desyr of his people. No farder, but we ar your werie assured freindis; Cassillis; Lothian; Brodie; Geo. Wynram; J. Smith; Al. Jaffray. Speymouth, 23 Junii 1650. For the Richt Worschipfull the Magistratis of the Toun of Aberdein, these.

7 Aug. 1650.

Soldiers to be employed in the new levie.

7 *August* 1650.

The said day, the counsell gaue order and warrand to the baillies of the said brughe to put on pairties of soiouris wpone the leaderis and outputteris of this present levie, till ilk ane of them pay and advance fyftein dollouris for ilk soiour, and sielyke giue warrand to quarter vpone these quha ar helperis and ar deficient in payment of thair proportioun.

Eodem die.

Officers of the town's company chosen.

Eodem die.

The said day, the baillies and counsell, all in ane woice electit, nominat, and choosit Arthour Dalgardno, burges of Aberdein, to be capitane over the tounes companie appointed to be levied by them in this present expeditioun, and David Tailyeour, lewtennant, Wm. Thomsone, ancient, Wm. Gray, Johne Crave, and serjandis of the said companie.

4 Sept. 1650. — Contract with Mr James Ritchie, catecheiser.

people, the counsell finding it most aggrieable to the mortifieris intentiones and most behovefull for the conditioun and estait of the said poor people, that thair be ane provydit for catecheising and instructing of them in manner aboue written, and understanding of the qualificatiounes and abilities of the said Mr James Ritchie to goe about the said charge, thairfoir they haue electit, nominat, and chosin, lykas be thir presentis they elect, nominat, and choose the said Mr James Ritchie to catecheise and instruct the said people and inhabitantis of Futtie, and for exerceing the haill poyntis of ane catechist to the said people in observing the dyetis, and geveing the samen in manner eftir following:—Towit the said Mr James Ritchie sall keip and haue on dyet of catecheising wpone the Sabboth day, and tua wther dyetis wpon tua dayis in the weik, the said tua weik dyetis to be according to the conveniencie of the said people of Futtie, and the occasioune of thair ordinarie calling sall most commodiouslie permitt, and as be the said Mr James sall be thought most behovefull; for the quhilk charge and service aboue writtin, the sadis provest, baillies, and counsell, bindis and oblessis theme and thair successores, provostis, baillies, and counsellouris of the said burghe, to pay and delyuer to the said Mr James Ritchie, yeirlie during his service thair, all and haill the sowme of four hundreth merkis wsuall Scots money, at tua termes in the yeir, be equall portiones, beginning the first termes peyment at Mertimiss nixt in this instant yeir of God j^{m} vi^{c} fiftie yeiris, for his service fra Michaelmes nixt in this instant yeir j^{m} vi^{c}, and fiftie yeirs to Michaelmes j^{m} vi^{c} fiftie ane yeiris, and sua furth to continow yeirlie and termlie during his service, &c.

12 Sept. 1650. — Commissioners for getting the provost out of captivity.

12 *September* 1650.

The said day, the counsell haveing gottin information that Alex. Jaffray, provest, at the lait defait at Dunbar, is captive with the enimie, and the counsell being desyrous to vse all ordinarie meanes both for certaine informatioun and for releiff of thair provest, they haue electit, nominat, and chosen Johne Jaffray, baillie, brother to the said provest, and Robert

Ker, burges of Aberdein, to goe with him and to repair either to St Johnstoune, Stirling, Edinburgh, or Dumbar, and to doe thair best for certaine informatioun and for the said provest his speidie liberatioun, and giue full poweir and warrand to the thesaurer to pay and advance thair charges and expenssis in the said caus.

12 Sept. 1650. — Commissioners for getting the provost out of captivity.

18 *September* 1650.

18 Sept. 1650. — Report of commissioner anent payment of the touns impost.

The said day, George Cullen, baillie, being returned from Sanct Johnstoune, being chosin commissioner to goe to Sanct Johnstoune with thrie thousand merkis to pay thair proportionall pairt of fourscoir merkis money imposit wpon the royall burrowes of this kingdome fer his Majesties intertainment of thair pairt of the foot levie, the said George maid his report that he haid payit the said soume of thrie thousand merkis, and obtanit Sir William Lockhart his discharge thairon, of the dait at Pearth, the eleivint day of September j^{m}. vi^{c}. and fiftie yeires, quhairin thair wes a provisioun that if it sall be discussit be the Committee of Estait, that the toune of Aberdein thair proportioun sall be according to the stent roll, quhilk will be ane thowsand fyve hundreth fyftie fyve pundis moir nor the said tua thousand pundis that they sall be superceidit of the said superplus till Mertimes nixt.

13 *January* 1651.

13 Jan. 1651. — A commissioner anent the tack of customs.

The said day, the provost, baillies, and counsell electit, nominat, and choosit Mr Alexr. Skeyne, dean of gild, to goe to Sanct Johnstoune for certaine effaires concerneing the said brughe, and in speciall for regraiting the tack of the customes, and for justifieing the mater of the commotioun betwixt Collonell Innes regiement and the inhabitantis of the brughe of Aberdein, and ordanit instructiones to be drawn vp and delyuerit to him for that effect.

13 March 1651.

Ordinance anent the watch.

13 *March* 1651.

The said day, the counsell ordanit ane nichtly watch to be keipit at the Blockhous, and for that effect ordanit all fencible men to be in readines in thair best armes, towit, suord, musket, bandelier, pulder, ball, match, and wther necessaris requisit for the said watch at the first took of the drum passand throw ilk generall quarter of the toune as happined to be on the said watch, ewerie quarter as it cam about.

26 March 1651.

Act in favoris of Doctor Leslie.

26 *March* 1651.

The said day, anent ane supplicatioun given in be Doctor James Leslie, doctor of phisick, desyring for his bygane service in visiting and curing the poor people of this brughe, and in speciall the tyme of the visitatioun, frielie wpone his awin charges, and without any payment: that the counsell [wald be pleased] to exempt him of any taxatiounes that suld happin to incur in tyme comeing, and he suld obleige himselff to serue the toune in visiting and curing the poor people within the samen, according as he suld be desyrit be the magistratis wpon his awin charges and expensis; the quhilk desyr the counsell taking to thair consideratioun the premisses, exemptit the said supplicant of all taxationes in tyme coming; and the said Doctor James Leslie band and oblegit him, and be the tennour heirof bindis and obleigis him to performe the premisses in maner aboue writtin. *Sic subscribitur* Doctor James Leslie.

Eodem die.

Anent certain desks in the old church.

Eodem die.

The said day, the provost, baillies, and counsell, giues libertie and tollerance to Alexr. Jaffray, lait provost, Johne Jaffray, lait baillie, and thair compartneris, to rectifie and build the Burnetis dask in forme of pewes, the said dask not cumeing furder out on the floor of the old

church nor the poynt of the Forbes dask, quhilk dask is to be reedified and buildit be the owersight of the maister of kirkwark.

26 March 1651. — Anent certain desks in the old church.

26 *March* 1651.

26 March 1651. — Licence for building desks in the old church.

The said day, the provost, baillies, and counsell giues libertie and tollerance to the couperis of the brughe of Abirdein to reedifie and build the couperis dask within the auld kirk of the said brugh, in forme of pewes, the said dask nowayis cumeing farder out on the floor of the said church nor the beadmenes seat, and the said dask nowayes to be buildit bot be the advyse of the maister of kirkwark.

23 *April* 1651.

23 April 1651. — Arms to be delivered by burgesses on their admission.

The said day, the counsell renewes ane former act of the dait the day of j^m^. vi^c^. yeiris, and for the present ordanit and ordaines that everie burges at his admissioun sall giue in frie gift to the towne ane sufficient furnishit musket, with bandelier and rest, or then ane sufficient pick, by and attour thair compositioun, and that thay still keip in thair possessioun ane sufficient musket for thair awin defence, and for defence of the said brughe, with ane sword; and failyeing of the said muskat, ane sufficient Spanish pick, and that they present the foirsaids armes the tyme of their admissione, and give thair aithes that the saidis sua to be presented, properly belongis to themselffis, and that they ar not borrowit.

28 *May* 1651.

28 May 1651. — Canone to be procured.

The said day, the counsell ordaines the provost and baillies to giue band to Thomas Wilson, skiper in Kirkaldie, for sex peice of yrne canone, with the cariages, pulder, and ball pertening, and ordaines Mr Alexr. Skeyne, dean of gild, to caus plant them on the Blockhous, and to repair

28 May 1651.

Canone to be procured.

the said Blockhous with all necessaris requisit for fortiefieng thairof, and to build ane breist work of salt faill round about wpone the heid of the Blockhous, the hight of ane manes shoulder; and for manadgeing of the said fort, and regulating the haill fencible men within the toune for warr, the provest, baillies, and counsell electit, nominat, and choosit Alexr. Burnet, capitane of the Futtie quarter; Thomas Melvill, capitane for the grein quarter; Alexr. Robertsone, capitane for the crookit quarter, and Johne Hay, capitane for the Ewin quarter, with power to them and ilk ane of them to mak choise of thair under officeris as they sall think expedient, and for manageing and governing of the said canone, the counsell gives warrand to the provost and baillies to aggrie and condescheud with Peter Blakburne and Charles Angus, canoneiris, for keiping and awatting on the saidis canones at all occasiones during the will of the said counsell.

11 June 1651.

No council meeting, the toun being in arms to resist English ships.

11 *June* 1651.

No counsell this day, in respect the Inglish schipes haid chaist in ane barque belonging to the said brughe, on the sandis undir the Broadhill, and the haill toun wes convenit in armes, and stayit in armes the wholl day in defence of the said barque.

18 June 1651.

Anent the watch.

18 *June* 1651.

The said day, the provost and counsell ordaines the baillies to doe diligence in thair seuerall quarteris for the nichtlie watche as it sall happin to cum and fall on thair quarter, towit that they wnlaw ewerie absent in the soume of threttie shillings money, to be exactit without diminutioun or forgivenes from ewerie absent from the said watche, and the baillies to report thair diligence ilk counsell day, both of the absentis and wnlawes, and to be comptable for the saidis wnlawes to the dean of gild.

r of kirkwork during the will and pleasour of the provost, l counsell allanerlie.

5 *September* 1651.

said day, the present counsell with the old counsell and sindrie the cheiff inhabitantis of this brughe, with Mr Andrew Cant, Row and Mr Johne Mengzies, being convenit for advysing and for the weilfair of the towne in this tyme of so great danger ıltie. Eftir prayer of Mr Andro Cant, who with his colligues ıtlie remove, having continowit to giue any opinione till the , the meeting in respect they wer informed of the approach of ı armie did conclud that commissioneris suld be sent to meet ı befoir they suld approach the towne, and thairfoir they did nominat Sir Robert Farquhar, provest, Alexr. Jaffray, lait r Wm. Moir, principall, Thomas Mortimer and George Cullen s, and Alexr. Williamsone, lait deacone, conveiner to the com- ı from the towne, and according to thair instructiones to treat ommanderis of the Inglish armie for the saifitie of the towne, ıill inhabitantis to approve quhat suld be done be them, and to the commissioneris and any hazard that micht inschew any way.

10 *September* 1651.

said day, Alexr. Jaffray, lait provest, Johne Leslie and Mr Wm. ing declairit that the Inglish armie, vpon the sevint of this ing Sonday, advanceing towardis this towne, and eftir the certaine messingeris that had gone out to sie the feildis, it being d that they wer werie neir the toune, they with baillie Cullen nder Williamsone, be ordour of the magistratis, went with instructiones and did meit with the commanderis of the Inglish ı did promise and assured the toune suld be frie of any danger

17 Sept. 1651.

Report Jaffray and his collegues.

armie, who wer laitlie in this brughe, anent the thousand pund sterling imposit be them vpon the towne, being all personallie present, maid thair report, that inrespect of the Inglish haistie march, they wer forcit to goe the lenth of Dundie, quhair they mett with the commanderis of the said armie wpone Saturday last, the quhilk day, and wpone Sonday thairefter, the mater being much agitat with great difficultie, wpone Sonday efternoone, inrespect the armie wes to march wpone Monday, they obteined from the commanderis of the said armie, that albeit they esteimed the thousand pound sterling justlie imposit for sindrie aledgit miscariages, and in speciall for outputing our last leavie efter they haid dissipat the Committee of Estaitis, at Elliot, and taking General Leslie and sindrie wther considerable persones, both of kirk and stait, and haid taken Dundie, and wer marching towardis this toun, nevertheless, and wpone good considerationes, and in hoip of the tounes good cariage, and the tounes not oposing them in tyme cumeing, they wer content to superceid the wptaking of the said soume wpone our said good cariadge, and if thair sould be no new miscariadge they wold owersie it altogidder, with assurance that if there be any new miscariadge it wold tend to thair greater prejudice. The quhilk procedure the counsell did allow and rendred the saidis commissioneris heartie thankis for thair paines, and ordanit the toune to be convenit, and thir presentis intimat to them.

20 October 1651.

Mounkis ordour proclameit.

20 *October* 1651.

The said day the counsell being convenit, as said is, for taking notice of ane ordour direct to the provost of Aberdein, or in his absence to the baillies of the said citie, of the dait at Dundie the seventh of October instant, from Leivtennant-Generall George Mounk, mackand mentioun that whairas he was informed that diverse persones of this natioun haue off lait gone about to ensnar menes consciences, by enforcing of oathes and covenantes wpone them, these ar to let all know that what persone soevir sall tender any oath or covenant unto any on, or who ever sall tak

or enter into any oath or covenant (without ordour from the commonwealth of Ingland), both the tendereris and takeris of such oathes or covenantis sall be holden as enimies to the commonwealth of Ingland afoirsaid, and dealt with accordinglie, and ordanit the samen to be published. Quhilk warrand or ordour the counsell taking to thair consideratioun, thought fit to send ane of thair number to the moderatour of the provinciall assemblie, inrespect the samen concerneit the provinciall assemblie most, and nominat Mr Thomas Gray ane of thair number for that effect, and to report the next counsell day. *Tandem* the ordour aboue wrettin, wes ordaneit to be proclameit at the mercat croce wpone the tuentie tua day of October instant, conforme to the tennour thairoff in all poyntis.

20 October 1651. — Mounkis ordour proclameit.

31 *October* 1651.

31 October 1651. — Commissioners to General Monck anent the touns cess.

The said day the counsell taking to thair consideratioun ane letter from Generall Major Monk, of the tuentie sext of this instant, delyverit to the provost of this brughe, betwixt ellewin and twelff houris befoir noone, anent the exacting of ane cesse of threttie fyve pundis sterling weiklie from the toune for ane moneth, fra the ellewinth day of October, to the elevinth of November nixt, with ane ordour to the shyr, and ane particular list of the cesse, both of brugh and ilk paroch within the shyr, thought fit to send commissioneris to the Leivtenant-Generall for doeing thair best according to the instructiones to be given to them for obteining freidome, delay, or mitigatioun, of thair pairt of the said cesse, and that the toune be not ingadged in any thing that concernes the shyres pairt: and thairfoir did elect, nominat, and choose Alexr. Jaffray, provost, George Cullen, baillie, and Mr Wm. Moir, principall commissioneris to the effect aboue writtin, and appoynted the baillies, Sir Robert Farquhar, and Mr Thomas Gray, to draw vp instructiones to the effect aboue wreatin, whom the counsell authorizes with thair full power for that effect.

5 Nov. 1651.

The provost to stay at Dundee for the good of the toun.

5 *November* 1651.

The said day, the counsell taking to thair consideratioun, the present imminent dangeris and difficulties of the tyme, and the mor hazardis that may befall the toune, and seing that Alexr. Jaffray, provost, is presentlie at Dundie in the townes imployments, and about thair service, thay haue thought fit that he stay at Dundie, or goe to Edinburgh as he sall think fit, for forseing the good of the toun, and preveining any danger that may affect the samen, and ordanit the magistratis to wreat to him for that effect.

26 Nov. 1651.

Commissioners to General Monck at Dundee.

26 *November* 1651.

The said day the provost, baillies, and counsell, electit, nominat, and choosit George Cullen, baillie, thair commissioner to goe to Dundie, to Leivtennant-General Mounk about certanie affaires concerneing the weill of this brughe, conforme to the instructione to be drawn wp, and delyuerit to him for that effect.

Eodem die.

Prorogation of minute between Sir Archibald Primrose and the toun.

Eodem die.

The said day, the provost, baillies, and counsell prorogatis and continwes the dyet and terme contenit in the minut past betwixt the magistratis of this brughe; and Sir Archibald Primrose of knicht on the ane and wther partis, for the caussis thairin contenit, and alreadie prorogat be wertue of tua seuerall prorogations grantit be the saidis magistratis, as the said minuit and prorogationes, of thair seuerall daitis importis, and that to the secound day of Febry. nixt, 1652 yeires, in *eodem statu quo prius*, and conforme to the last prorogatioun in all poyntis.

3 *December* 1651.

3 Dec. 1651.

The said day, the counsell gives, ordour, and warrand to the magistratis to stent the haill heretouris and possessouris of the friedome, for ane certaine quantitie and proportioun of peitis for furnishing of the guardis, inrespect that they ar frie of wther cess, and to advyse what farder course sall be takin for furnishing fyr to the sadis guardis.

Heretors and possessors of freedom lands to be stented for peats.

10 *December* 1651.

10 Dec. 1651.

The said day Alexander Jaffray provest was electit, nominat, and chosin be the counsell, commissioner to repair to Dundie to Lietennant-General Monk about certaine important effairis concerneing the towne, conforme to the instructiones, to be delyverit to him thairanent.

The provest to go to Dundee to General Monck on the touns affairs.

20 *December* 1651.

20 Dec. 1651.

The said day the counsell ordaines ane letter to be writin, and sent south to Alexander Jaffray, provost, for informatioun of what sall be done at the meiting of Burrowes that meitis at Edinburgh, the tuentie third of this instant, and for informeing himselff about the electioun of commissoneris to attend the meiting of the Inglishes, quharby the counsell may get informatioune.

A letter to be sent to the provost of Dundee to get information.

24 *December* 1651.

24 Dec. 1651.

The said day Mr Alexander Forbes, dean of gild, haueing returned from Dundie maid report of the commissioun given to him as is minuted on his instructiones, and the counsell considering his diligence in goeing about the tounes effairis, rendered him heartie thankis for his paines.

Report of commissioner to Dundee.

31 Dec. 1651.

A commissioner to go Leith to the English commissioners.

31 *December* 1651.

The said day, the counsell electit, nominat, and choosit Mr Alexr. Forbes, dean of gild, thair commissioner to goe to Leith to the Inglish commissioneris thair, and to treat with them anent the customes of this brughe, and dischargeing of the warrand given be them to Patrick Leslie, of the saidis customes.

8 Jan. 1652.

Jaffray commissioner to General Lambert.

8 *January* 1652.

The said day, the counsel electit, nominat, and choosit Johne Jaffray, baillie, thair commissioner to repair to Dundie to Major-Generall Lambert, anent certanie necessar effairis concerning the sad conditione of the toune, conforme to the instructiones to be given to him for that effect.

4 Feb. 1652.

Farther instructions to the commissioners for meeting with the English commissioners.

4 *February* 1652.

The said day, the counsell taking to thair consideratioun the many pressing and urgent effaires particularlie concerneing the toun presentlie incumbent, as anent the cesse, the use of the garisone, the 100 pund sterling out of Ross, the reparatioun of our bygane losses, the releif of our gryt debtis and burdenes, and sindrie wther necessar effairis; and seing the toun haid electit George Cullen, and Thomas Mortimer thair commissioneris, for meiting with the commissioneris of the parliament of the commonwealth of Ingland, at Dalkeith, the 23 of Feby. next to cum, anent the setlement of the pease of this natioun; and the counsell not being [willing] to multiplie any farder commissioneris, nor to put the toun to farder charges, they giue warrand to the provost and baillie to giue particular instructiones to the said George Cullen, and Thomas Mortimer, anent the particular and privat effairis concerneing the burghe, allanerlie, and also ordanit James Farquhar, thesaurar, to furnish to the said George Cullen, and Thomas Mortimer, the sowme of four hundreth merkis money to be thair charges in the said service.

17 *March* 1652.

17 March 1652.

Protection to the toun from the English Commissioners and election of magistrates.

The said day the nichtboris and inhabitantis being convenit within the new kirk of the said brughe, by ane ordour issued out by George Cullen, deputie of the said brughe, returned from the Richt Honourable the Commissioneris of the Parliament of the Commonewealth of Ingland, for ordouring and manageing effairis in Scotland, published throw the haill streitis of the toun, be Alexander Smith, serjand, and tua drumes, wpone the sexteint day of Marche instant, desyring the saidis nichtboris and inhabitantis this day and place, at aucht houris in the morneing, to convein for heiring of the said deputie, his report anent his commissioun, and for electing magistratis and officiaris for governament of the said brughe and liberties thairof, conforme to the warrand granted be the saidis commissioneris at Dalkeith, the third day of Marche 1652 yeiris, the said George Cullen did schow to the saidis nichtboris and inhabitantis of this brughe, who for the most pairt being presant, that he haid, and on thair behalff, subscryvit the order of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Ingland, that Scotland be incorporated and maid into an Commonwealth with Ingland, that thairby the samen governament that is established in Ingland, without a king or House of Lordis, vnder the frie state and commonwealth of Ingland, may be derived vnto the people of Scotland, and that the brughe of Aberdein sall live peaceablie wndir, and yeeld obdience vnto the authoritie of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Ingland, exerceisit in Scotland; and that the saids commissioneris haid takin the said brughe of Aberdein vnto thair speciall protectione of the parliament of the commonwealth of Ingland, quhilk protectione is given vnder the handis of the saidis Commissioners, at Dalkeith, the tuentie sevint day of Feby. 1652. The deputie causit be publictlie read be the secretarie of the said brughe, lykas the said deputie declairit that he haid obteinit in favouris of the said brughe, ane chartour authorizing and appoynting the nichtboris and inhabitantis of the said brughe according to thair forner ritis and customes, from tyme to tyme to nominat and choose thair

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magistratis and officiaris for governament of the said brughe and liberties thairoff, quhilk the said deputie causit be publictlie read; and the said deputie did desyr the saidis nichtboris and inhabitantis, if they wold approve quhat he haid done as thair deputie in thair nam and on thair behalff, and wold subscryve and accept the said tender, conforme to the tennour of the said chartour, and proceid to the said electioun, who all in ane woice did approve the said deputies procedour of quhat he haid done in thair nam, and wer willing to accept of the said tender; and thaireftir the said deputie causit publictlie read the roll of the nichtboris and inhabitantis of this brughe according to the accustomed ritis and manner from tyme to tyme; which roll being read, the said deputie desyrit the saidis nightboris and inhabitantis to mak ane list of persones qualified, conforme to the said chartour, and of the which list they wer to choose magistratis and officiaris for government of the said toun and liberties thairoff to the nixt enschewing electioun, quhilk wes accordinglie done, and efter matur deliberatioun and consultatioun haid be them of the worthiest persones of the said brughe, did elect, nominat, and choose George Morisone, Sir Patrik Leslie, Mr Thomas Gray, George Cullen, Alexr. Lumsden, Wm. Petrie, Johne Leslie, Gilbert Molysone, James Farquhar, Gilbert Dovie, Robert Forbes, Alexr. Alexander, younger, Alexr. Robertsone, Wm. Gray, John Ray, George Dauidsone, James Robertsone, Alexr. Williamsone and Wm. Duffus, to the next enschewing electioun as persones qualified and weill affected for the weill and peace of this natioun, and electit, nominat, and choosit magistratis and officiaris in manner following: First, furth of the leitis for the provest, ane honorable man, George Morisone wes chosin provest, and furth of aucht leitis nominat for the baillies, honorable men, George Cullen, Alexr. Lumsden, Johne Leslie and Wm. Petrie wer chosin baillies; and furth of the leitis for the dean of gild, James Robertsone wes chosin dean of gild; and furth of the leitis for the thesaurie, James Farquhar wes chosin thesaurer, to the next enschewing electioun, &c.

24 *March* 1652.

24 March 1652.

Delivery of writs from the Commissioners of the Commonwealth.

The said day, George Cullen, commissioner, chosin be the toune for making applicatioun to the Commissioners of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Ingland for setling of the effaires of this natioun, haueing instructiones from the last counsell, maid his report anent the said instructions and particularis thairin contenit, and gaue in the particular wreatis following, viz., Ane protectioun from the Commissioners of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Ingland, 27 Feb. 1652; the declaratioun of the Parliament and Commissioners explanatioun, with ane chartour wpone parchment to the said brughe of thair privileges, and keiping of the judicatorie, with Generall Major Dean his exemptioun for the cess; and the counsell did approve of his diligence, and rendered him heartie thankis for his paines.

6 *April* 1652.

6 April 1652.

Summons against Mr John Menzies, professor of divinity.

The said day, be wertew of ane summondis direct be the provost and baillies of Aberdein against Mr Johne Mengzies, professor of divinitie, and minister at the Grayfrier kirk, being summondit this day to have compeirit befoir the counsell, day and place foirsaid, was callit to have answerit anent the poyntis contenit in the summondis, and in respect of his not compeirance, the counsell ordanit the said Mr Johne to be summondit *pro secundo* at his duelling hous to the twentie ane day of Apryll instant.

21 *April* 1652.

21 April 1652.

Summons against Menzies continued.

The said day, Mr Johne Mengzies being lawfullie summondit wpone the sext day of Appryll to have compeirit this day befoir the counsell, to have answerit to the poyntis of the principall summondis, being thrie seuerall tymes callit and not compeirand, the counsell continewit any farder procedour agains him to the twentie aucht of this instant.

28 April 1652.

Forbes of Robislaw chosen moss maister.

28 *April* 1652.

The said day, the counsell taking to thair consideratioun the great abuses committit be the toun and friedome of this burghe in spoiling of the mossis, be cutting, holling, and burneing the saidis mossis, and sawing cornes thairon: thairfoir the counsell thought fit that ane moss maister sould be chosin for haueing a cair of the saidis mossis, and goeing about euerie thing for the right regulating of the samen, and did elect, nominat, and choise Robert Forbes of Robislaw principall moss maister for this yeir, and Adam Gordone deput moss maister.

16 June 1652.

Wm. Petrie to go to Edinburgh anent the cess.

16 *June* 1652.

The said day, the counsell electit, nominat, and choosit William Petrie to repair to Edinburgh, to Major Generall Dean, about the mater of the cess presentlie imposit wpon this brughe, and to doe his best for obteining ease or releiff of the said assess.

30 June 1652.

William Petrie's report on his return.

30 *June* 1652.

The said day, William Petrie, baillie, being chosin commissioner be the counsell to repair to Edinburgh to Major Generall Dean, about the mater of the assess presentlie imposit wpone this brughe, for obteining ease or releiff of the said assess, haueing returned, maid his report that he haid gottin tuentie pund sterling money of the hundreth pundis sterling of cess presentlie imposit wpone the said brughe, and that the cess now is bot onlie auchtie pundis sterling money *per mensem;* and in the mater of regulating the customes, reported that he had tabled the samen, bot culd get nothing done till baillie Jaffrayes comptis wer maid, bot expectit ane satisfactorie answer.

21 *July* 1652.

21 July 1652.

Regulations anent the leading of peats.

The said day, the counsell taking to thair consideratioun the great extortioun vseit be these quha hyres thair horssis for leading [of peattis], do ordane for ewrie load of peitis cassin and to be cassin befoir Michaelmes nixt, they sall haue twa shillinges aucht pennies, with the servantis meat and drink, and no moir, with certificatioun to any that sall exact any moir, they sall pay fyve merkis money, *toties quoties*, as they sall be fund to exact moir nor the pryces aboue wreatin; and lykwayes haue statut and ordanit that the pryce of ewerie load of peatis belonging to themselffis and brought in to the toun, being weill fillit and sufficient creillis and tounes loadis, or equivalent thairto, sall be fyve shillingis Scotis money and no moir, wnder the paine of fourtie shillingis, to be payit be the contraveiner of thir presentis; and ordanit thir presentis to be publishit on Fryday nixt, being the mercat day, that non pretend ignorance heiroff.

9 *February* 1653.

9 Feb. 1653.

An isle of the Grey Friar Kirk allowed to the humanity class.

The said day, anent the supplicatioun giuen in to the counsell be the maisteris and memberis of the New Colledge of Abirdein, makand mention that quhair thrie yeires sine they erectit ane humanitie class for making youth moir perfyt in the Latin tongue, who intendit to be studentis in the said colledge, and at this tym the kirk besyd them wes to be imployit, and they haueing no wther place for the said employment, did desyr the maister of the said class to teach his schollaris and keip them all the day long thairin, since thair ar not chalmeris in the said colledge to be spairit for them, quhilk he hes done hitherto sine his entrie; quhill of lait, within this ten or tuelff dayis, the maister of kirkwark hes taken the key of the kirk dor from ws and lockit all the dores, sua that they haue no accommodatioun for that class, nether for ringing the bell to publict professiones; thairfoir thair humble desyr wes that the counsell wold be pleasit (since

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they haue sum wther employment for the said church) to let them haue the vse of the yll quhilk wes neirest adjacent to the said colledge, and to devyd the samen from the bodie of the said church, that the said class may be keipit togidder and taught, and that the church receave no detriment by thair abod thair, in respect that thir few deayis they hev haid mutch adoe to keep them togidder, as in the said supplicatioun at mair lenth is contenit; quhilk supplicatioun being opinlie red in counsell, and they therewith being ryplie and at lenth advysit, grantit the vse of the said yll for the vse of the said humanitie class during the counsellis pleasour allanerlie, and ordanit the yll to be devydit from the church be ane tirles wall at the back of the dask, alse far distant from the daskis, as the saidis daskis may be frie, at the owersight of the maister of work, and the maister of work to expend the charges, and the supplicantis obleissis to mantein the said yll and glass window in the samen in the lyk caice as the samen sall be at thair entrie, except the ruiff, syleing and wallis of the said yll, quich the toun ar to mantein with the rest of the kirkis; and ane dor to be maid in the wall for goeing through to ring the bell and temper the cloak, the principall and regentis being alwayis answerable for the key, that non goe through bot the porter that ringis the bell and temperis the cloak, and that the kirk suffer no preiudice thairby. (Signed) Mr Wm. Moir, Mr Ro. Forbess, Mr A. Cant, A. Birnie, Mr T. Forbes.

16 Feb. 1653.

Anent punishment of black-fishers.

16 *February* 1653.

The said day, the counsell appointis Thomas Mortimer, baillie, and failzing of him, Patrik Moir, baillie, with the clerk or his deputt, to repair to Kincardyne, and sitt with the shireff anent the punishing of blackfisheris.

9 March 1653.

Act anent burieing in the churche.

9 *March* 1653.

The said day, the counsell ordaines that any who sall burie in the church sall pay the pryces following, towitt, ane abortive child, thrie punds

Scotts money; ane child not borne vpoun staves, sex punds; ane child borne wpoun staves, within fourteine yeeres of age, ten punds; *Item*, men and women abowe the aige of fourteine yeeres of aige, twentie punds.

9 March 1653.

Act anent barieing in the churche.

30 *March* 1653.

30 March 1653.

No collections to be made without due authority.

The said day, the counsell, tacking to ther consideratioun the great prejudice that may result to inhabitantis of this brught, if it suld be sufferit that privat persons, at their awne hands, without consent of the counsell or magistrats, suld goe through the toune and press the inhabitants of the brucht for contributiouns and collectiounes, for collections for any caus or occasioune whatsumeuer, or suld set publict collectoris at any place whatsumeuer for public contribution within this brught or liberties therof without consent of the counsell, and that the samen is contrair to former practices both of this brught and natioune: tharfoir the haill counsell in ane woice statuts and ordaines that no publict collectioun be gone about in any maner of way be any persone or persons quhatsumeuer, for quhatsoeuer caus or occasioun, within this brught or liberties thairof, without consent of the counsell; with certificatioun to any who sall doe in the contrair, that they or any quho salbe fund accessorie salbe punishit at the counsell's pleasser; and any collectioun that sall happin to be collectit salbe seasit upoun and givin in to the thesaurer for the use of the toune.

13 *April* 1653.

13 April 1653.

The deacon of the baxters sent to prison.

The said day, Alexander Williamsoun, deacone of the baxters, being conveenit befoir the counsell wpon ane convict[ioun] past befoir John Jaffray, baillie, compeirit personallie in presens of the counsell, and acknowledgit that the deacone of the baxters, with the traid, were in wse to mack ordinances for the paiss and weight of bread when they conceivit the counsells statuts to be more than they culd mack ane lyff be; and

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particularlie acknowledgit that this year, efter the counsell haid maid ane statut wpon the weght of bread, that the weght of whyt bread, the tuo shilling loaf suld be fyfteine unces, and the twelff penny ait bread fyftene unces, the said Alexander having representit to the magistrats and counsell that the said weght wes more then they culd commodiouslie live by, he, as deacone, with the rest of the traid, conveenit and maid ane ordinance in ther court, that the tuo shilling whyt loaf suld be fourtene unces, and the twelff d. ait loaff betwixt thritten unces and 13 and ane halff, and that thei wnlawit the contraveeners of the said ordinance; the prowest, baillies, and counsell haveing taikin the premisses to ther consideratioun, fand that the said traid haid done wrong in usurping not onlie the magistrats power, but also the counsellis, whois power, it hes onlie beene according to the laudabill constitutiounes and practique of this natiounne to appoint the weght of bread: and therfoir they ordainit the said Alexander Williamsone to acknowledge his fault, and the mistak of his haill traid, and to undertack as deacon, for himself and his traid, that they sall pas from any such ordinance and practice, and not doe the lyk in tyme cumeing; otherways if he suld refuis sua to doe, the said Alexander Williamsone presentlie to be wardit, but prejudice of further censure as the counsell suld think fitt. The said Alexander being callit againe, and the counsells ordinance intimat to him, he refusit to acknowledg his fault, as is above writtin: thairfoir he wes ordanit to goe to prisone; and in respect he desyrit ane tyme to adwyse, he wes permittit to stay in the laigh counsell hous till the counsell suld dissolve; and efter the counsell dissolvit, the prowest and bailly Mortimer haveing gone to the said Alexander Williamsone, they askit him if he wer willing now to acknowledg his fault, as is above writtin. He answerit, he wes not resolvit: wharupon he wes committit to prisone by wertew of the former ordinance of counsell.

15 *June* 1653.

15 June 1653.

Report Jaffray and Sandelands anent the wreitts off Ferriehill.

The said day, in preseus of the counsell, Johne Jaffray, bailley, and Mr James Sandelands, clerk, ordanit be the counsell to receave the writts of Ferrehill, mortified by vmquhill Doctor Dune for the grammar schooll, from Mr Robert Dune, doctir of phisick, maid thair report, that they had receavit the saids writts according to ane inventar which the counsell ordanit to be put in the charter kist, and ane double of the inventar subscryvit be the said bailley his hand, delyuerit to the said Doctor Dune for his exoneratioun, and ordained Charles Robertsone, maister of mortificationes, to receive from the said Doctor Dune ane band of ane thovsand merkes restand be Rothemay as principall, and his cautioners, conforme to thair band, for the said wse, with fourtie pund for ane yeirs annuelrent thairoff, and the said Charles to receive this yeers rent of the said lands of Ferriehill, the half therof payable at the terme of Witsonday last by past, extending to and the said mortificatioun to be insert in the said Charles Robertsone his charge with the rest of the mortificationes.

28 *September* 1653.

28 Sept. 1653.

Col. Lilburne's orders that the present officers should be continued and no new election.

The said day, the prowest producit ane letter from Collonell Lilburne, commander in cheef, derect to the prowest and baillies of Aberdein, of the date, at Dalkeith, the seuintent day of September instant, this day being the ordinarie day of electioun of the new counsell and magistratis of Aberdein, anent the continuatioun of the said electioun, which was publictlie red, and the tenor thereof is as followes:—"Gentlemen,—The counsell of estait commandit me to give yow notice that they think it fitt that the civill officers in the shyres and incorporatiounes of this natioun that ar now in office suld be continuit untill ther salbe further ordor from the counsell for mackeing of new electiouns, I desyr yow to tack notice therof accordinglie, from your wery loveing freend, and so subscriues, Robert Lilburne."—In ordor thairunto the saidis pro-

28 Sept. 1653.

west and baillies and counsell conveenit as said is, desistit from any new electioun, that in obedience to the counsell of estait their warrand, thes who wer present in office suld continue till further ordor.

16 Nov. 1653.

Ordinance anent the beadmen.

16 *November* 1653.

The said day the counsell, upoun ane supplicatioun givin be the beidmen of the gild brethren's hospitall, for reasonable consideratiounes, and for ther better intertainement, thought fitt and ordainit that each beadman within the said hospitall sall have for ther intertainement halffe merke each day. . . . .

3 May 1654.

Collisone commissioner to Monck.

3 *May* 1654.

The said day, the counsell appointit and ordanit Paull Collisone, baillie, to goe to Edinburgh or Dalkeith, or wher Generall Monck wes, and meit with him anent certaine particular effairs containit in his instructiones relaiteing to the toune.

16 May 1645.

Ordinance for the union betwixt Scotland and England.

16 *May* 1654.

At Aberdeene the sextent day of May 1654 yeers, the provest and baillies haveing receavit ane letter from Generall Monck, daitit the day of last, with publict acts by His Highnes the Lord Protector, to witt, Ane act intitulatit Ane ordinance for vniteing Scotland into ane commonwealth with England, ane other Act of pardon and grace to the people of Scotland, ane other for holding of courtsbaron, and the fourt

which, according to the said generall his order wes proclamit at the mercat the said day, and of the act of vnion the tenour followes:—Ane ordinance for vniting Scotland into an commonwealth with England. His Highness the Lord Protector of the commonwealth of England, Scotland, and Ireland, &c., tacking to consideratioun how much it might con-

16 May 1645.

Ordinance for the union betwixt Scotland and England.

duce to the glorie of God and the peace and welfare of the people in this whole iland, that after all these lait vnhappie warrs and differences, the people of Scotland suld be vnitit vnto Ingland in one commonwealth and vnder one governement; and finding that in December 1651 yeires, the Parliament then sitting, did send commissioners into Scotland to invite the people of that natione vnto such ane happie vnione, vho proceidit so far therein that the schyres and brughes of Scotland by their deputies convenit at Dalkeith, and again at Edinburgh, did accept of the said vnione and assent thervnto, ffor the compleiting and perfyteing of which vnione, Be it ordanit, and it is ordanit by His Highness the Lord Protector of the commonwealth of England, Scotland, and Ireland, and dominions thereto belonging, by and with the adwyce and consent of his counsell, that all the people of Scotland, and of the isles of Orkney and Zetland, and of all the dominions and territories belonging vnto Scotland, ar and shalbe, and ar heirby incorporated into, constitutit, establishit, declairit, and confirmit ane commonwealth of England, and in every Parliament to be held successivelie for the said commonwealth, threttie persones salbe callit from and serve for Scotland; and for the more effectuall preservatioun of the vnioun, and the friedome and saiftie of the people of this commonwealth so vnited, be it ordanit, and it is ordanit be the authoritie forsaid, that all the people of Scotland, and of the isles of Orkney and Zetland, and all the dominions and territories belonging vnto Scotland, of what degrie and conditioun soever, be dischargit of all fealtie, homadge, service, and alledgeance, which is and salbe pretendit due vnto any of the issue and posteritie of Charles Stewart, lait king of England and Scotland, or of any claiming vnder him; and Charles Stewart, eldest sone, and James, callit Duke of Yorke, secund sone, and all other the issue and posteritie of the said lait king, and all and evry persone or persones pretending title from, by, and vnder him, ar and be disablit to hold or injoy the Crowne of Scotland, and other the dominiones thervnto belonging, or any of them, or to have the name, title, styll, or dignitie of king or queene of Scotland, and to haue or injoy the power or dominioun of the said kingdome and

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dominiones, or any of them, or the honors, mannors, lands, tenements, pertinents, and hereditaments belonging or appertaneing to the said crowne of Scotland, or other the dominions aforsaid, any of the laws, statute, vsage, ordinance, or custome in Scotland, to the contrarie heirof in anywayes notwithstanding: and it is further ordanit be the authoritie forsaid, that the said office, styll, dignitie, power, and authoritie of king of Scotland, and all right of the thrie estaites of Scotland to convocat or assemble in anie generall convocatioun or parliament, and all conventiounall and parliamentarie authoritie in Scotland, as formerlie establishit, and all lawes, vsages, and customes ordaineing, constituteing or confirmeing the samen, shalbe, and ar hereby and from henceforth abolishit, and vtterlie tane away, and maid null and void. And that this vnione may take more full effect and intent, Be it further ordainit by the authoritie forsaid, that the airmes of Scotland, towit, a cross, commonlie callit St Andrews cross, be receivit into and borne from henceforth in the airmes of this commonwealth as a badge of this vnion, and that all the publict seallis, sealls of office, and seallis of bodies civill or corporat in Scotland, which heirtofoir cairied the airmes of Scotland, shall from henceforth instead therof cairie the airmes of this commonwealth. And be it further ordanit by the authoritie forsaid, that all customes, exyse, and other imposts for goods transportit from England to Scotland, and from Scotland to England, by sea or land, ar and shallbe so far takin aff and dischargit as that all goods for the future sall pas alse frie, and with lyk priviledges, and with lyk burdens and charges from England to Scotland, and from Scotland to England, as goods passing from port to port, or from place to place, in England, and that all goods shall and may pas between England and the saids parts and dominiones, any law, statute, vsage, and custome to the contrairie notwithstanding; and that all goods prohibit by any law now in force in England, to be transportit out of England to any foraine pairts, or importit, shalbe and heirby ar prohibited to be transportit or importit by the same law, and vpoun the same penalties, out of Scotland to any foraine parts aforsaid, or from any forraine parts into Scotland. And be

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it further ordanit by the authorities forsaid, that all cess, publict impositiounes, and taxatiounes whatsoever, be imposit, taxit, and levied from henceforth proportionablie from the haill people of this commonwealth so vnited; and further, that all dominion of tenures and superiorities importing servitude and vassallage may lykwayes be abolishit in Scotland, be it further declairit and ordanit be the authoritie forsaid, that all heretors, proprietors, and possessores of lands in Scotland, or the dominions therto belonging, and ther aires, shall, from and efter the tuelf day of Aprill in the yeir of our Lord 1654 yeirs, hold their respectiue lands of the respectiue lord or lords, by dead, charter patent, or infeofament, to be renevit wpon the death of eury heretour, proprietor, or possesor (as now they doe), to his heir or heires, by and vnder such yeerly rents, boones, and annuall services as are mentionat or due by any deads, patents charters, or infeftments now in being, of the respective land therin exprest, and by wertow theroff injoyit, without rendering, doeing, or performeing any other duetie, service, vassalladge, or demand whatsoever by reason or occasioun of the sadis lands, or any the claussis or couenants in the saidis deeds, charters, patent, or infeofments contained, saueing what is heirefter heirin, and herby partcularlie exprest and declairit; that is to say, heriots whar the samen ar due fynds (certain quhair the same is already certaine, and quhair the fyne is uncertain reasoneable fyne), wpon the death of the lord, and wpon the death and alienatioun of the tenent, or any of them whar the samen have vsuallie ben payit, which said fyne (not being already certane) shall not at any tyme exceid one yeirs value of the lands; and also doeing sute and service to such courts or courts baroun as shall be constituted in Scotland in such maner as is ordanit by ane other ordinance intituled ane ordinance for erecting courts baroun in Scotland; and be it further ordanit by the authoritie aforsaid, that all and every the heretores, proprietores, and possessores aforesaid, and thair aires, ar and shalbe from hencefourth for euer dischargit of all fealtie, homadge, vassallage and servitude, which is or shalbe pretendit due from them or any of them, wnto any ther lords or superiores quhatsoever clameing dominoun or jurisdictioun over them by

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wertew of the saids patents, charters, deads, or infeofment, and other rights therof, claussis, or conditiounes therin containit, other then is befor declairit and ordanit, and that all the said superiorities, lordschipes, and jurisdictiones (other then as aforsaid), shalbe and ar heirby abolishit, taikin of and dischargit, and that all and evry the saids deads, patents, charters, or infeofments in that behalf, ar heirby declairit and maid so far void and null; and particularlie, that all and evry the heretores and others, the persones aforsaid, and ther aires ar and salbe forever heirefter fried and dischargit of and from all sutes and appeareing at or in any ether lords and superiores courts of justiciarie, regalitie, steuardrie, baronie, bailzierie, heretabill shireffschip, heretabill admeralitie, all which, togidder with all other offices, heretabill or for lyff, ar heirby abolishit and taken away; and that all and eury the heretors and possessors aforsaid and their heirs, ar and shalbe for euer heirefter freed and dischargit of and from all militarie, service and personall attendance wpon any their lords or superiores in expeditiones and travellis, and of all casualities of wards, lands formerlie held of the king or wther superiores; and of the mariadge, single and double awaill theroff, inventries, compositiones for entries, and of all rights and casualities payable if they be demandit onlie, or wpon the committing of any claussis irritant, and that the saids heretours and persones aforesaid, be now and from henceforth construed, reputed, adjudgit and declairit frie and acquited therof, and of and from all maner of holding suites, deuties, services, personall or reall, and demands quhatsoeuer (other then is befor declairit and ordanit), notwithstanding the present tenour of any of their deads, patents, infeofments or any claussis, articles or couenants therin containit or mentionat to the contrarie in any wyse, and that in time to come all and euery clause, couenant, article or conditioun, or thing to the contrarie heirof, shalbe omittit out of all such deeds, charteres patents and infeofments, and be it further ordanit, that all forfettures, escheits simple or of lyfrent, bastardie, and last heir, quhich heirtofoir escheittit, forfeited, and fell to the king, lords of the regalitie or other superiores, shall from henceforth fall escheit, and forfeit to the Lord Protector of the Commonwealth for the tyme

being. Wednesday Aprill tuelf 1654. Ordered by his Highness the Lord Protector and his counsell, that this ordinance be furthwith printed and publishit, and so subscryues, Henry Scobell, clerk of the counsell. 16 May 1654.

9 *August* 1654. 9 Aug. 1654.

Act anent the swyne.

The said day, the counsell tacking to consideratioun that laitlie ar brought into this burgh, and intertainit their ane great number of swyne, old and young, which being ane unseemelie kynd of beast, hath not hitherto bein permittit to stay within this burgh; and sieing by experience, it is found that they ar werie prejudiciall to the yards and sawin land within and about this toune, in digging and holling up the samen with their heeds and snoutts, and that in the churchyard they haue cassin up great graves and uncoverit dead corpses, which is both dangerous and shamefull, and they noways being waitit wpone, doe converse in all the filthie dunghillis, middings, gutters and sinkes of all sorts of excrements and by their working raise ane infectious and intollerable smell, and spoyll the streets and publict ways of this brught, and alse they may prove dangerous to young children and otheris quhen they ar going at random through the streets; thairfoir the saids provest, baillies, and counsell, haue inactit, statut and ordanit, that all the inhabitants of this toune and neirest parts adjacent, both frie and unfrie within thair authorite, doe, before Monday nixt, at ten houres, caus remove the haill swyne, old and young, from this toune, ane fourth part of ane myll from the samen, with certificatioun that all swyne that sallbe fund heirefter wpon the streets or without dores sallbe confiscat, the ane half for wse of the poore, and the other halff for the wse of any that sall apprehend and delait the samen, and any that killis or tackis any of the said swyne efter the said tyme, salbe frie of any hazard therfor, and that by and attour furder punishement to be inflictit wpon the keepers of the said swyne, at the counsellis pleasure, and ordanis thir presentis to be publictlie proclamit at the mercat croce, and through the haill streets of the toune, that non pretend ignorance.

28 Sept. 1654.

No new election to be for this year.

28 *September* 1654.

The said day being the ordinary day of election of the prowest, baillies, office-beareres, and new counsell, of the brugh of Aberdein, for the yeir insewing, the prowest producit ane leter daitit the nyntent day of September instant, direct to the prowest, baillies, and counsell of Aberdein, from the commissioners authorisit to appoint magistratis and counsell for the generall brughs of Scotland, for the yeir ensewing, which wes publictlie red, and the tenour thairof is as followes:—By the commissioners authorizit to appoint magistrats and counsell for the seuerall brughes in Scotland for the yeir insewing: Haueing receavit some directiones from his highness to suspend the electioun of magistrats till farther ordour, we thought good to gine notice heirof to yow, to the intent all executioun of our ordour appointing magistrats for the brugh of Aberdein, may be lykwayis suspendit; and we doe declair that yow ar to exerce your respective offices of magistrats, and counsell, in your said brugh, as formerly, wntile further ordour. Givin wnder our hands at Edinburgh, the nyntent day of September 1654 yeiris; and so it is subscryvit, William Lowrence, Alexander Persone, Edward Mosley, Edward Syler, Ritchard Saltinstale, For the prowest, baillies, and counsell, of Aberdein. The saids prowest, baillies, and counsell, convenit as said is, for obedience to the said letter, desistit from any new election, and ordanit the letter to be obeyit in all points.

23 Nov. 1654.

Ordinance to the maister of kirkwork.

23 *November* 1654.

The said day, the counsell gines warrand to Alexander Ramsay, master of kirkwork, to send to France, to Paull Collisoun, baillie of Aberdein, or any wther sufficient nichtbour ther, the number of tuentie sewine ryallis of aught belonging to the kirkwork, and to caus imploy the samen for the best availl, in buying the best commodities extending to the said sowme, and to caus bring home the samen for the vse of the kirkwork.

6 *December* 1654.

6 Dec. 1654.

Ordinance to the thesaurar.

The said day, the counsell ordaines Andro Raitt, thesaurer to pay and delyuer to Mr William Douglas, professor of divinitie in the colledge of Aberdein, the soume of tuo hundreth punds Scots money; and to Master James Douglas, his sone, ane hundreth punds money for supplieing the wacand places of the pulpitts of Aberdein, to Martimes last bypast; wheranent thir presentis, with thair recept theron, to be ane sufficient warrand to the said thesaurar for allowing the samen in his accompts.

3 *January* 1655.

3 Jan. 1655.

Act weavers for a loft in the kirk.

At Aberdein, the twentie ane day of Novr. on thowsand sex hundreth fourtie nyne yeires, in presens of the prowest, baillies, and counsell, the said day, anent the supplicatioun givin in to the counsell be the weavers of this burghe, mackand mentione: That wher ewrie traid within this burghe haid obtenit thair honors favour and tollerance for building of lofts and dasks within the churches of the samen for ther aine accomodatione and decoring of the church, therfor humblie desyring that the counsell wold be pleasit to grant them tollerance to build ane loft in the Cullens ile or above the north dor of the old kirk, or anie of them as they suld think expedient, as in the suplicatione at lenth is contenit; which being hard, seine, and considderit be the counsell, and they therwith being ryplie and at lenth advysit, and haueing convenit in the said church, and takin tryall of the premisses, did giue and grant libertie and licence to the supplicants to big ane loft forgainess the hamermans loft above the north church dor, in proportioun and quantitie of the hamermens loft, and did recommend to the master of kirkwork to deserne the boundis particularly.

4 Jan. 1655.

Counsell Mr Andro Cant.

4 January 1655.

The said day, the prowest, baillies, and counsell, tacking to consideratione that within this congregatione and brugh ther wes laitlie brought in and actit by Master Andro Cant, minister of the samen, and other his adherentis, certaine innovationes and practices which did much stumble and offend the people, and namely that according to ane lait act past by him and his sessioun, of the dait the day of 165 yeirs, ther can be non admittit to the sacrament of the Lords Super except of such strict qualificationes as is therin exprest, and that non ar to be admittit to the sacrament wnles they sall offer themselues to be tryit iff they be so qualified, which ordour they conceav to be without ground and not according to the word, acts, or practice of the churche; as also that this present sessioun, quhich wes onlie chosine for ane yeir, is long since expyrit, and from the beginning ther electioun wes inorderlie, yit notwithstanding they ar proceiding and doe concur and ar assisting to the said Mr Androw in the former practices, and in sindrie dangerous innovationes; thairfor for remeid of the saids evills, and for obviating anie further innovationes in tyme comeing, the prowest, baillies, and counsell haueing convenit sindrie of the old counsell and wther nightbouris of the brethrene of gild and craftes, they did, wpon the tuentie nynt day of December last, nominat Mr Thomas Gray, prowest, Thomas Mortimer, George Cullen and Patrik Moir, baillies, and commissionat them to goe to Mr Robert Burnet, eldar, advocat, and desyr him to goe to Mr Andro Cant and aquaint him that the prowest, baillies, and nightboures of the toun ar not content with his intendit innovationis that he is bringing in to this church in admitting of persones to the sacrament, and to desyr him to desist and observe the old way approvit be the Church of Scotland; and that seing ther was no sessioun, ane new sessioun micht be chosin out of the congregatione, or of such as hes beine elders or deacons formerlie, and wther honest nichtbouris against whom ther wes no just exceptioun, and that he wold not weakin the magistrats hands by personating them in

publict: and the said Mr Robert Burnet at the desyr of the saids commissioners haveing gone to Mr Andro Cant for the effect abovewritten, did wpon the third day of January instant mack report to the counsell and others convenit for the tyme, that Mr Andro his answer wes that he wold continew his practice in examenating and admitting non to the sacrament but such as wold offer themselues to be tryit be his elders conforme to his present maner, and that he wold not alter the lait act, but did not intend to giue the Commvnion in haist till the magistrats and counsell wer satisfied, if they culd be satisfied; and anent the sessioun, that he and the present sessioun wold goe on to ane new electioun of new sessioun; and anent the thrid, that he wes to honor the magistrats and counsell, and for anie speeches spokin be him, he had no bad intentione: and the counsell and meiting haueing continewit thair thoughts and resolutions in the said mater to this day, and now being convenit as said is, haueing serioushe thought vpone Master Androw his answer to the aforsaid proposalls, they all in ane woce exprest themselues discontent with his procedour in admitting non to the sacrament nor to be examinit till they sould offer themselues and be tryit conforme to the act, and disclamit the said procedour, and disallowit the said act; and as for the present sessioun, the haill meiting did disclame the samen as not being formallie chosine and being long agoe expirit, and that they did tack wpon them to mack acts aboue ther power, as they wer ane orderly sessioun, and that therfoir ane new sessioun in maner above exprest to be chosin; and the meiting concludit that this efternoone the present elders be sent for, and that the provost and baillies, Provost Gray, Baillie Robert Cruksehank, Wm. Patrie, the dean of gild, the deacon conveener, and Alexr. Williamson meit with them in the counsellhous, and declar to them the counsellis mynd and sens of the premisses, and to treat with them for dealling with Mr Andro Cant to giue way to the counsellis resolutions, and that they mack their report vpon the elevint of January ance a day.

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3 March 1655.

Counsell and Mr Andro Cant.

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The said day, the provest, baillies, counsell, and meiting aboue convenit, taiking to consideratioun that vpoun the fourt day of Januar last, the persons conforme to ane act of the said dait, nominat for meiting with the present elders, for the effect therein exprest; that they haueing mett with the saids elders, Mr Thomas Gray did vpon the elevint day of January therefter mack report to the counsell and meiting then convenit, that the provest, baillies, and others then commissionat, haid, according to the former order, mett with the elders, and haid treatit at lenth with them anent Mr Androw Cant, his procedour, and anent the new sessioun, and that the elders haueing met with Mr Androw Cant, they maid their report to them, that Mr Androw Cant, and the sessioun, haueing mett, he wes content to superceid for ane tyme from goeing one in admitting non to the sacrament, or examinatioun, except such as suld offer themselues, and be qualified as formerly, and altho they thought themselves, onlie to haue power to choose a new sessioun, yit they wold not choose bot such persones as suld giue the provest, baillies, and counsell, satisfactioun, so far as in them lay; at which tyme the haill meiting, fand and thought nether of the saids tuo ansuars satisfactorie, in respect anent the first point, it wes not sufficient to desist from his innovatioun, but that he oucht to goe on and cathechise in ane ordinarie way, and that the haill people be admittit to the sacrament, except such as ar groslie ignorant, and declairit scandalous, conforme to the practice of the kirk of Scotland, and doctrine of the samen: and for the secund it is altogether vnsatisfactorie, being cleir contrair to the counsellis desyr, proposall, and resolutioun; thairfor the counsell, and haill meiting, appointit certaine other persones to meit and treat with the said Mr Androw Cant, and his adherents, and albeit good hopes conceavit that some effectvall cours suld haue beine takin for removeing of the saids offences, yit now they finding that the said Mr Andro is againe begune to goe on in the innovatioun, in requyring thos that wer to comunicat, to offer themselues, and be tryit conforme

to the lait pretendit act of sessioun, befor they suld be admittit to the sacrament, they fand themselues holdin to declair thair disassent, and protestatioun to be dravin vp in wreit, in name of the provest, baillies, counsell, and communitie, and intimat to the said Mr Androw, the sessioun, or any other adhering to them, declairing their disassent from the said practice, and protesting that they be frie in all tyme comeing of anie thing contenit in the said act, or any censour that may flow from, or be ordanit be the said sessione, or the said Mr Androw, relateing to the said innovations, and also that the said disassent and protestatioun be presentit to the presbiterie and provinciall assemblie, or other of the saids judicatories for obtaining other of thair approbatiouns of ther procedour, and nominat Mr Thomas Gray, Thomas Mortimer, George Cullen, Patrick Moir, Robert Cruikschank, William Patrie, the deane of gild, and the deacon convener, to haue ane cair of draving vp the said disassent and protestatioun, and presenting the samen as is aboue wretin.

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The said day, the persones nominat be the counsell and nichtbours, convenit for the tyme be wertew of thair act, of the dait the thrid day of March last, to draw vp ther disassent from and protestatioun against certaine innovatiounes introducit be Mr Andro Cant, their minister, did present ane draucht to the counsell and remanent persones convenit, wheroff the tenour followes:—Wee, the provest, baillies, counsell of the burghe of Aberdein, and communitie theroff adherend to ws, whereas Master Androw Cant, who thir divers yeires hes bein our minister, and hes professit that he did adher to the Presbiteriane way, and to the doctrine, discipline, and governement of the Church of Scotland, hath of lait brought in to this incorporatioun and citie innovatiounes and dangerous practices, and speciallie on relateing to the Sacrament of the Lords Super, wherby vnder pretence of eschewing ane promiscuous communione, except onlie such who in ane pharasiticall way must offer themselues to be

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tryit be him and thes whom he calls his elders, so that all others (tho vithout questione members of the congregatioune, albeit nether grossly ignorant nor declairit scandalous), who sall be laid by vpon thair privat verdict and inquest and judgment of charitie, as they call it, are to be debarrit from the comfort of these holie misteries, and non admittit but such as they sall pronunce blameles (in so far as can be knowin), and non else, which, as it is ane practice unwarrantable be any law or constitutioun of this church, and being ane mater of so high concernement, is far aboue the power and authoritie of anie privat minister or sessioun, albeit it wer never so full and richtlie constitut; so we look vpone the samen as ane cleir innovatioun and practicall separatioun, tending to gather some few out of this incorporatioune as onlie thoucht be them worthie to be admittit members of the congregatioun, and that all others who out of conscience cannot giue way to this innovatioun, sall, in so far as in them lyes, be holden as no members of this church, being debarrit, as said is, from participating of the sealling ordinances, which are the cheefest priviledges of ane church member; and all means possible that in duetie ar incumbent vpone ane Cristiane people and magistratis of ane Cristiane incorporatioun haveing bein vsit for macking him sensible of this dangerous shisme and divisioun maid be him, and for persuadeing to forbear any such practice; and haueing mett with nothing bot ane strong resolutioun to persist in his way, we sall not complaine of his unduetifull and uncivill cariage to and expressiones against the magistrats and others in place, we, out of the sense of the charge lying vpon us, least this generatioun and posteritie suld justlie challenge ws that we in our tyme haue sufferit such ane snar and slaverie to be brought vpon the Lords people, have fund it necessar to declair and mack manifest to all that may be concernit, that as we ar far from countenanceing any profane or promiscuous mixtur at such sacred ordinances, and sall be heartilie willing, and cordiallie concur, that all persons grossly ignorant, and opinlie scandalous, and declairit to be so in ane ordinarie and approvin way, be debarrit from haveing acces to the holie misteries; and as we sall be so far from being so rude and vnanswerable to our sta-

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tiouns as to offer any wiolence to the said Mr Androw, or anie that will adher to him in this way of separation, haveing ane honorabill and Cristiane respect to anie, tho of ane different judgment, who sall, without disturbance, practice and profes with sobrietie according to thair licht and knowledge, so we conceaue the lyk libertie to be allowit to ws from the powers the Lord hes set over this Commonwealth to injoy and not to suffer ourselues to be drawin away from the good old way, so purlie meintenit and universallie practisit this many yeires bygane in this church and natioun, and therfoir we declair our disassent from the said innovatione and practise so introducit or to be introducit, be the said Mr Androw, in debaring any from being partakers of that sacrament, who ar vnquestionably members of his congregatioun, and not declairit grosly ignorant or convict of scandall in ane ordinarie and approvine way, as also our disassent from anie other innovatioun in doctrine, discipline, worship or administratioun of the sacrament, introducit or to be introducit without warrand from authoritie, or consent of the congregatioun; and that as we conceaue the said Mr Andro, or any who sall adher to him, in so far as they sall practise the saids innovationes ar in ane practicall separatioun from this congregatioun, and that we haue libertie with sobrietie to hold furth profes and practice according to our licht and knowledge conform to the word of God, doctrine and discipline of the church and natioune, without being disturbit by him or his adherents, by imposing vpon our consciences, or any wther way hindering ws in the frie exercise of our said worship or participating of the sacramentis, and as we doe heirby declair our dislyk of and disassent from the saids innovations, so we do protest for ws and such as adher to ws, that we ar and in all tyme comeing sall be holdin as frie and saif from all censors, dangers, hazards and inconveienents that may result from the said Mr Androw, or anie of his adherents in relation to the forsaids innovatiouns through pretence of anie pretendit authorite or jurisdictione of his, and his adherents, which we be thes presents doe disclame, and as to ws ward doe protest that the samen be null, and of no force, strength, nor effect, and that we may injoy our libertie to practice in manner above writtin; and

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that it sall be lawfull to ws when tyme and occasioun serves to elect, and choose ministers and sessioun to practice according to the ancient forme of this church, and our judgments subscryvit be the provest, and baillies, be order of the counsell, and meiting the tent of March 1655; and so subscryves, George Morison, provest, be order of the counsell, Thomas Mortimer, baillie, Patrik Moir, baillie, which being tuyse publictlie red, wes approvin be the haill meiting, all in one woce declairing they would adher to the samen, and which wes ordanit to be subscryvit be the provest, and the tuo present baillies, in name of the rest of the meiting, and to be registrat in the counsell books, and ane extract theroff delyverit to the persones nominat of the said thrid day of March, for presenting and prosecuting the samen in maner therin specifeit.

10 March 1655.

Petition of counsell to presbiterie anent innovatioun relating to the Lords Supper.

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As also the counsell haveing causit reid the draught of ane petitioun, to be presentit to the presbiterie they did approve the samen, and ordanit the persones nominat in the act, March thrid 1655, to present the samen, and to appeall to the provinciall assemblie, if the presbiterie suld not give them ane satisfactonie answer, off the which petition the tenour followes: Unto your Reverend Wisdomes, the Moderatour and remanent brethren of the presbiterie of Aberdein, we, Mr Thomas Gray, lait provest of Aberdein, Thomas Mortimer, Patrick Moir, baillies; Robert Cruikshank, George Cullen, William Patrie, lait baillies; Alexr. Thomson, dean of gild, and William Andersoun, deacon convener, commissioners appointit be wertew of ane act of the thrid of March, be the provest, baillies, counsell, and other nichtboures convenit for the tyme in their name, and in name of the communitie of the said burgh adherent to them, meanes and schowes, that whereas, Mr Androw Cant, minister of this burgh, hath of lait fallen vpon certaine innovatioun relateing to the sacrament of the Lords Supper, viz. that non ar to be admittit to the communioun, except onlie such who sall offer themselves to be tryit be him, and some few others anent the

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misteries of Cristianitie, and if their conversatioun be such as becometh the gospell, being blameles therin, in so far as can be knowin, and non else, in maner and according to the particular way, forme, and qualificatiounes manie wherof ar innovatiouns at lenth set down in their act, daitit the day of , last by past, wherby all are to be debarrit that out of conscience cannot give way to thes innovatiounes or that out of modestie and bashfulnes dar not proclamme themselues righteous, and blusches to offer themselues to be pronuncit blameles be others, yea, happily some poor trembling creature tho precious in the Lords sicht who possiblie wold hazard in the throng to touch the hem of his garment, not daring to ventur on this practicall inquisitioune sall, ly still in its issue, and others who ar vndoubtit members of this congregatioune tho in the ordinarie way and nether fund groslie ignorant nor so much as challengit or convict of anie fault or scandall, being onlie laid by be thair privie inquest, sall lykwayes be debarrit, and thos who ar in ane back slyding and declyning way, and who by the practice of the churche wer to be pressit to thir ductie in testimonie of thair professioun, must now be overseene, till they come to others who ar cairles and negligent, be altogidder neglectit; yea the said Mr Androw haueing oftin tymes professit he will neuer giue the communioun otherways, all and whatsumever, tho haueing already offerit, and haueing bein admittit also oft as Mr Andro sall pleas to celebrat the sacrament, must submit themselves ewrie tyme to this kynd of tryale and practice, for anything we know, singular, and not consisting with anie sort of governement, and we conceaveing to be ane practice wnwarantabile be any act of this church, and to be clear innovatiounes, efter all means vsit to persuade the said Mr Androw to forbear, wer forcit to declair our dislyk of, and disassent from, the saids innovatiouns, and to giue in our protestatioune against the samen, as the counsell of the dait the tent of Marche, this instant, bearing the tenour of our disassent and protestatioune, and delyuerit in the sessioun hous of this brugh to the said Mr Andro, for himself, and in name of others then convenit for the tyme, vpone the tuelff of this instant, and

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authentik instruments takin therwpon at mair lenth proportis; and notwithstanding of the said practices, which as we conceave ar cleir contrair to the principles of the presbyterian government, and in respect the said Mr Andro does yet still profes that he does adher to the presbiteriane way, we haue fand it necessar to haue recours to your reverend worschips, and to represent to yow the forsaids innovationes, and practices foundit on the said act of session, together with our disassent and protestatioun against the samen: Humbly intreating your reverend worschips that ye wold be pleasit after serious consideratioun of the mater, and ponder of our reasones, to tack such cours that the saids innovations be suppressit and not farther pressit vpone this congregatione, nor anie wther novatiounes, without our consent, which we ar confident will tend for the good of the church, peace and comfort of the people of this congregatioun, and that it may be lawfull to ws when tyme and occasioun serues, to elect and choose ministers and sessioun according to the ancient forme of the church.

25 April 1655.

Libertie to Broune to tack vp ane scool.

25 *April* 1655.

The said day, anent the supplicatioun givin in to the counsell be Johne Broune, lauchfull sone to the deceast Alexr. Broune, scooll maister at Drum and other places to the tyme of his death, mackand mentioun that he haid beine ane schooll maister these ten yeirs bygane at Fintray, Dyce, and other places, and haid dischargeit ane honest deutie with contentment to all parties, and wes able to educat young children in reading, wreiting, and laying of comptis, as he haid formerlie done, and intendit to do so in this burghe with the counsellis permissioun; thairfore humblie desyring the counsell that they wold be pleasit to grant libertie to, and permit him to tack vp ane scooll for reiding, wreiting, and laying of comptis, promissing to doe ane honest duetie and to give offence to none, as in the supplicatioun is containit: Which the counsell haveing hard, seine, and considderit, and haveing takin sufficient tryall and informatioun

of the supplicant, his bygane cariage, and present qualificatioun, and conditioun, gave libertie and licence to the supplicant to tack vp ane scooll within this burgh, for learning of the youth as he sould be imployit in maner abouewrittin conforme to the supplicatioun, during the counsells pleasour and the supplicant his good cariage allanerlie.

25 April 1655.

Libertie to Broune to tack vp ane scooll.

20 *June* 1655.

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Demissioun Mr Thomas Chalmer.

The said day, compeirit in presens of the counsell, Mr Thomas Chalmer, and gave in and presentit ane subscryvit dimissione of his place as maister of the grammar scooll, which the counsell acceptit, and ordanit ane edict to be servit with expeditioun for filling the said place, of the which dimissioun the tenour followes: Wnto your honorable wisdomes, Maister Thomas Chalmer humblie represents that wher I have servit in your grammar scooll this fyftein yeirs bygane, and finding myself vnable to give contentment in all points to all thes whome I serve, haue efter deliberatioun resoluit to satisfie your honours be my absence, whome I cannot satisfie be my presence; truely I haue laborit in my charge according to the measour of grace and strenth givin to me, but the result is, weaknes and pouertie ar still increasing vpoun me, and vpone your honours part discontent and grudgings: It is a bad bargaine wher both parties ar displeasit, wherfor heartilie I resyne my charge in your honours handis from whom nixt vnto God I receavit it, not seiking anie other recompence of my labors but a frie demissioun: I sall not cease to be your honours servant in my hartie wishes and prayers for your honours welfair in all respects, and especiallie in this, that God wold mack yow fall vpon such a man as micht giwe your honours greter contentment then I am able to doe: Wreten and subscryuit with my hand at Aberdene, the tuentie day of Jany. 1655, and so subscryued, Mr Tho. Chalmer, with my hand.

1 August 1655.

Act anent brewing of aill or strong waters, &c.

1 *August* 1655.

The said day, the counsell inacts, statuts, and ordaines that no mariners, meassones, sclatters, milnaris, stablers, or any wther persones of that kynd within this burgh, or any wther persone or persones quhatsomever being vnfrie, tack vpone hand at anie tyme heirefter to brew, compone, vent, or sell aill, bear, or strong waters, or aquavite, or exerce anie wther traid, traffique, or merchandice belonging or anie ways prejudiciall to burgessis of gild, simple burgessis, or craftsmen within the samen, without speciall libertie and licence from the counsell, vnder paine of being punishit as the counsell sall think expedient.

12 Sept. 1655.

Contract, counsell and Mr Alexander Straquhan.

12 *September* 1655.

Followes the contract betuixt the provest, baillies, and counsell, and Mr Alexander Strachane, master of the gramer scooll of this said burgh:—

At Aberdein, the tuelff day of September on thousand sex hundreth feftie fyve yeirs, it is appoyntit and agreit betuixt the provest, baillies, and counsell of the said burgh of Aberdeine one the ane part, and Mr Alexander Strachane, maister of the gramer scooll of the said burgh on the other part, in maner and to the effect vnderwreten, towitt, fforsamekle as the place of the gramar scooll of the said burgh being vacand be dimissioun of Mr Thomas Chalmer, lait maister of the samen, and the provest, baillies, and counsell being informit of the literatur and abilities of the said Mr Alexr. Straquhan, did give to him ane call for supplieing the said place, and the said Mr Alexr. haueing obeyit the said call, and both in privat and publict haueing full contentment and being willing to accept of the said imployment; thairfor the saids provest, baillies, and counsell for them and thair successours nominatis, constituts, and appoints the said Mr Alexr. Strachane master of the gramar scooll of the said burghe dureing his lyftime, to del *ad culpam* with the haill stipends, fies, profitts, emolumentis, and

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benefitts of the samen, vsit and wount, alse fullie and frielie as the said Mr Thomas Chalmer or anie his predicessours maisteris of the said gramar scooll did injoy and brook the samen in any tyme bygane, and in speciall but prejudice of the qualitie foirsaid, by and atour the ordinarie stipend peyit be scollers, for the said Mr Alexr. his beter provisioun the saids provest, baillies, and counsell binds and obleissis them and thair successours to pay and delyuer to the said Mr Alexr. Strachane, during his service at the said scool, all and haill the soume of thrie hundreth merks Scotts money at tuo termis in the yeir, be equall portiones, Mertimes and Witsonday therefter, begynand the first terms peyment of the first halff of the said thrie hundreth merks at the feast and terme of Mertimes nixt to com in this instant yeir of God, one thousand sex hundreth fyftie fyve yeirs, which is for his service preceiding the said terme of Mertimes, and sua furth yeirlie and termelie during his service, the said sowme of thrie hundreth merks to be in full contentatioun of anie thing he can ask or craue for his said service from the toun of Aberdein, out of the commone good of the samen; and iff in the said Mr Alexr. his tyme the mortificatioun maid be Doctor Patrik Dune of the lands of Ferriehill sall fall to the master of the gramar schooll, and the said Mr Alexr. sall be put in possessioune of the samen, the towne of Aberdene frae then furth sall be frie of the said thrie hundreth merks, and the said Mr Alexr. Strachan accepts in and vpon him the said charge and office of master of the gramar scooll of the said brugh, and promisses by Gods assistance to doe ane faithfull duetie in the samen in ewrie thing incumbent, as the Lord sall inable him, and to obey and obtemper all good orders and injunctions set doune, or to be set doune, be the provest, baillies, and counsell, or visitours of the scooll appointit or to be appointit be them, as they sall be intimat and maid knawin to him: And it is heirby declairit and aggreit vpon betuixt the saids parties that notwithstanding of the forsaid nomination dureing his lyftyme, or, *ad culpam*, yet iff aither of the saids parties sall pleas to discharge and quyt otheris before Lambes j^{m}. vi^{c}. and feftie sex yeirs, sua that the saids provest, baillies, and counsell sall discharge the said Mr Alexr., or the said Mr Alexr. sall discharge the

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said place befoir the said terme of Lambes, then and in ather of the saids caces the saids parties to be frie of other, and this present contract to be null efter the said terme of Lambes, as iff the samen haid neuer been maid, provydit alwayes that ather of the saids parties who sall be desyrous to be frie and quyt of others, as said is, sall mack lauchfull intimation to the other partie fourtie dayes before the terme of Lambes on thousand sex hundreth feftie sex yeirs, wherein iff they failyie, the omissioun of the said intimatioun sall be vnderstood and holdin as ane sufficient ground of both parties their contentment with others, and therefter the former nominatioun, acceptatioun, and haill premisses to stand in full vigour, as iff this present claus haid neuer bein insert; and both the saids parties ar content and consentis that thir presentis be insert and registrat in the books of the court of justic, shirreff commissar, or baillie court books of Aberdene, to have the strenth of ane decreit thairof, that letteris and executoriellis may pas heiron vpon ten days, and constitutes, &c.

3 *October* 1655.

3 October 1655. — Declaratione for the electione of magistrats.

The said day George Morresoun, provest, presentit to the counsell ane declaratioun of his Highnes Counsell in Scotland in relatioun to the electioun of magistrats, of the dait the tuentie fourt day of September last, which declaratione wes publiclie red, and the tenour theroff is as followes:—A Declaratioun of his Highnes Counsell in Scotland for the electione of magistratis. Whereas by ane ordinance of his Highnes the Lord Protector of the Commonwealth of England, Scotland, and Ireland, and the dominiouns thervnto belonging, bearing dait the tuelt day of Aprill 1654, Scotland is vnitit into one commonwealth with England, and therin it appears that the shyres and burghes of Scotland, by their deputes convenit at Dalkeith, and againe at Edinburgh, did, befor the then Commissuners of Parliament, accept of the said vnione, and assent thervnto, and did promis to liue peacably wnder, and assent to the authoritie of the Commonwealth of England, exercisit in Scotland; and whereas, by ane

wther ordinance of his Highnes, intitullit ane ordinance of pardone and grace to the people in Scotland, it is desyrit that they be maid equall sharers with thes of England in the present settlement of peace, libertie, and properitie, with all other priviledges of a frie people: The Counsell, in pursueance theroff, tacking all the premisses into thair considderatioun, as also the manie prejudices that may aryse to the good people, burgesses and inabitants of the seuerall cities, burghes, and incorporationes within this natioune, from the want of the due nomination and electioune of ther respective magistratis according to thair lawes and customs; and to the end the inhabitants of the said cities, burghes, and touns, may receave all due incuragement, and haue governement and justice richteously administered vnto them, doe declair that all prohibitiones as to electiones of magistratis ar taikin of, and that all cities, burghes, and touns corporat in Scotland, to whom the priuiledge of choosing their magistrats belongs, may from henceforth meit and convene for that end within their respective cities, burghs, and touns, and thair proceid to the due and lawfull nomination and election of their respective magistrats; wherin the said counsell expects due and particular cair be takin that no persone be chosin who is dangerous to the Commonwealth, disaffectit to the present governement, or scandalous in lyff and conversatioun, which persons qualified, duely electit, and chosin as aforsaid, ar and sall be the magistratis for the insewing yeir; and the counsell doe lykwayes further declair, that in caice this declaratioun sall not come so soone to all the brughes as that they may elect their magistratis by the tymes limited in their charters respectively, that in such burghes not haueing such tymelie notice theroff may proceid to the electioun of magistratis for their burghes, respectively, as aforsaid, that day fourtnicht, provydit alwayis that in the aith of their faithfull administratioun of justice, and in all other caces wher formerly the name or styll of king, or keipers of the libertie of England hath beine vsit in the exercise of the aforsaid governement of the saids cities, burghes, and touns, the name of his Highnes the Lord Protector of the Commonwealth of England, Scotland, and Ireland, and the dominions thereto

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belonging, be insertit and vsit, and so subscriues Emanuell Downeing, clerk of the councell. In ordour wherwnto the provest, baillies, and councell appintit and designit this day sewin night, the day of October instant, to be the day of electioun of provest baillies, and counsell, and haill office-bearers for the next yeir, and ane new electioun to be the said day, in respect of the said warrand and declaratioune, did not come to ther hands till this day, which is efter ther ordinar day, and that the said day of October is ane fourt nicht efter the said ordinarie day.

6 Dec. 1655.

Ordinance to the master of mortificatiounes anent Henrie Dune.

6 *December* 1655.

The said day, the counsell ordaines and appoints the master of mortificatiouns to wair, give out, and bestow for peyment of the funeralls of the deceast Henrie Dune, bursar in the gramar scooll, the halff yeirs rent for the Witsondeys terme of the deceast Mr George Robertsoun his burs in the gramar scool, last possest be the said deceast Mr Henrie Dune.

2 Jan. 1656.

Ane watch appointit at the Blockhous.

2 *January* 1656.

The said day, in respect of the present fear and danger of the infectioune, the skipper of the ship laitlie come from Campheir to this brugh being removit this lyff in ane suspicious way, the counsell for prevening of anie further danger, haue thought fit, and doe ordaine and appoint that ane constant and daylie guard of the citizens and inhabitants of this burgh be appointit for guarding the Blockhous, ship, and persones, dureing the tryall of the merchants and others arryvit in the said ship, and recommends to the baillies of the seuerall quarters to haue ane cair of appointing the said guard, and to ordour the samen according to thair cours in ane ordourlie and competent way, and to give them such injunctiones as they sall find expedient, and ordanit the dean of gild to erect ane court of guard of tuo daill lenth, in ane convenient place a little distant from the Blockhous.

16 July 1656.

Mr Patrik Strachane enterit doctour of the gramar scooll.

16 *July* 1656.

The said day, the provest, baillies, and counsell being sufficentlie informed of the literature and qualificatioun of Mr Patrik Strachane, sone to the deceast Master Willeame Strachane, minister in Old Aberdeen, did receave and admitt the said Master Patrik to be doctor of the Gramar Scool of this burghe.

30 August 1656.

Mr Robert Patrie chosin the tounes agent for London.

30 *August* 1656.

The said day, the provest, baillies, and counsell, elect, nominat, and choosit Walter Robert Patrie, lawfull sone to the deceast William Patrie, lait baillie of Aberdein, to be agent at Londun for the said burgh of Aberdein, and to attend Collonel Stewin Winthrope, commissioner for the said burgh at the Parliament dureing the tyme theroff in the tounes effaires, and ordanit the said Mr Robert to repair to London with all convenient dilligence, and the magistrats to cause furnish and provyd him money for macking his charges and goeing about the tounes effaires as he suld haue occasioun.

8 Oct. 1656.

Aucht penny ait bread permittit to be baikin.

8 *October* 1656.

Item, the counsell discharges all ait bread to be baikin, except aucht d. ait loaves, which sall be of weght auchten vnce, vnder the paine of fyue punds money, *toties quoties*, and confiscatioun of the bread, and that they be weel baikin bread, vnlet or thomit, of good whit meil.

Statut on drink.

Item, the counsell ordaines the pryces of all aill and bear the yeir forsaid, to be as followes, viz: the pynt of strong aill or bear, the best sort, not to be above two shilling Scots, vnder the paine of fyve punds money, *toties quoties*, and this statute to begin and tack force from the first day of Novr. and to continew dureing the counsells pleasour.

8 Oct. 1656.

Act dischargeing vnfrie brewars.

Item, the counsell does heirby discharge all vnfriemen, young women and widows, whos husbands wer not friemen, to brew any aill or beir within this burgh in tyme comeing, vnder the paine of ten punds besyd further punishment.

Cursers, &c.

Item, all cursers, swearers, and taikers of the name of God in waine, speciallie in the open streits or in any publict way, to be punishit by the magistratis; and all constables to be cairfull to delate such as salbe fund guiltie.

Act anent the tyme of mercat.

Item, that no persone or persones presume nor tack vpon hand to mack mercat vpone malt, meill, shoes, timber, fleshes, wooll, or anie wther commoditie brought to the mercat to be sold befor aucht hours in the morneing in simmer and nyne houres in winter, with certificatioune the contraweiner alsweel the buyer as seller to be punishit at the magistrats pleasour.

Anent beggars.

Item, that all sturdie beggars, both young and old, men and women, remove of this burghe and friedome within fortie aucht hours, vnder the paine of scurgeing.

Anent the fishers.

Item, the haill white fishers, both in Futtie and Torrie, to bring and put their fishes in the mercat the day they ar takin, and that they keep them not in their houssis, vnder the paine of fyve punds, *toties quoties*, by confiscatioun of the fish.

Anent the price of hides.

Item, the best ox hyd to be sold at fyve punds; *Item*, the secund sort at thrie punds ten s.; *Item*, the best cow hyd four punds: *Item*, the other sort thrie punds.

Anent the streits keiping clean.

Item, the inhabitants to keep the streits clean befoir their owne dores.

Item, that ther be no baiker and sellar of ait kaiks within this burgh.

8 Oct. 1656.

Act kaiks not to be baikin and sold.

1 *April* 1657.

1 April 1657.

The said day, the counsell ordanis and appoints the magistrats to aggrie with the printer for printing and binding of ane litle book callit Psalmodia Ecclesiastico Divina Vindicata, put to the press be Mr Williame Douglas, professor of divinitie in Old Aberdeine, and dedicat to the provest, baillies, and counsell of Aberdeine.

A book by Mr Williame Douglas to be printed.

20 *May* 1657.

20 May 1657.

The said day, the counsell tacking to consideratione that the kirkwork is much in debt, and the kirk lickly to ruine for lack of moneys; and in respect of the meinnes of the pryce of burialls in the churchyaird, non almost burieth in the church, and the greatest part of the inhabitants do stryve that their relations be buried at or neir the church wall or churchyard dyk towards the south wall, and so that part which is most considerable is becum werie full, commone, and by process of tyme by multipleing burialls abuve others they will be so hie that the samen will surmount the walls; thairfor the counsell hes statut and ordanit that whatsvmever persone or persones sall burie ther dead within tuelff foots to the church wall or churchyard wall towards the south, that they and ilk ane of them pey to the master of the kirkwork and his successores the double for ther buriall of what wes peyit befor for the buriall: And Patrik Murray, baxter, protestit to the contrar.

Act anent the pryce of burialls.

29 *July* 1657.

29 July 1657.

The said day, the counsell appoints ane weekly diurnall to be sellit for the wse of the inhabitants, and John Forbes, stationer, to furnish the

Act for ane weekly diurnall.

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samen weekly, and appoints the deane of gild to pey the said John for the samen, wheranent thir presents to be his warrand.

12 *August* 1657.

12 Aug. 1657.

Act anent buying the correction hous.

The said day, the counsell for improveing the mortificatione for ane manufactorie of the deceast Master Robert Johnstoun, and that the samen may be put to ane good seruice, ar content to buy from the partners of the manufactorie in Aberdeine the hous callit the Correction Hous, with the yards, pleynissing, and pertinents of the samen, with the Walk Milne one the Water of Done, belonging to them and pertinents of the samen, with the haill instruments, toolls, furnitur, pleenissing, timber, and all vther present provisioun belonging to them as owners of the said manufactorie, and ar content to pay the soume of for the said hous, yard, and pleenissing, and for the said Walk Milne wpon the Water of Done, with the yard and pertinents of the samen, and of the haill pleenissing, toolls, instruments, furnitur, and timber belonging to the foirsaids, and all and everie thing pertaineing to them as owners of the said manufactorie, and in speciall in contentation of ane great trie which belongit to the saids owners, and wes borrowit be the magistrats for the tyme, to be ane extrie for the Wind Milne, for the which the deceast George Cullen and Mr Wm. Moir gave band to George Morresoun, lait provest, for restoring alse good ane trie in lenth and squar, or then to pey the soume of fyve hundreth merks money, as thair band of the dait the day of bears.

Eodem die.

Eodem die.

Ordinance anent building the shore.

The said day, the counsell tacking to consideratioun that the new shore of this burgh is now weill advancit, and if nichtlie prosecut may happilie be finishit within few yeirs, as also tacking to consideratioun that

in the old found ther is ane great cruik which is not onlie dangerous for ships and weshells in the passage, but also that it will much retard the said work if the said draucht be followit furth; thairfor the counsell appoints and ordains Thomas Merser, present master of impost and shor, to caus lift the said crook, and caus build the wall for the shor in ane richt and ewin lyne from the present work alreadie fillit vp towards the land at Futtie, and this to be done with all expeditioun, wheranent thir presents to be warrand to the said Thomas Merser.

12 Aug. 1657. — Ordinance anent building the shore.

12 *August* 1657.

12 Aug. 1657. — Act against convening congregatiouns, ringing of bells, and preaching in the churches of this burgh without consent of the counsell.

The said day, the counsell finding it necessar and expedient for the eschewing of sindrie inconvenients and abuses that may enschew, and for observeing within the said burgh, and among the inhabitants of the samen, good order and decencie, that non be permittit to preach in any publict congregatioun within any publict church within this burgh and precinct of the samen, and that ther be no publict ringing of bells for conveening of any congregatioun, or that collectors be sett vp for receaving of offerings or contributions at the saids church doors without the knowledge, adwyce, and consent of the magistrats and counsell of this burgh; thairfoir the counsell hes statut and ordanit that in tyme comeing non presume nor tack on hand to caus convein any congregatioun within this burgh, in the publict churches of the samen, or the bounds and precinct thairoff, by publict ringing of bells for conveening the people for that effect, and that no collectours be set vp vpon any pretence whatsumewer for receaveing of offerings or collections from the people without speciall advyce, knowledge, and consent of the magistrats and counsell of the said burghe for the tyme had and obtenit therto, vnder all hiest paines and charge that eftir may follow.

7 Oct. 1657.

Anent the duties of apothecaries and chirurgins

7 *October* 1657.

The said day, the counsell haveing referred to the doctors of medicine within this burghe to condiscend upon certaine overtours anent the saiff discharge of the appothecaries and chirurgins within the samen, ther charge in tyme comeing, and Doctour James Lesley, doctour of medicine, haveing givin in and propoundit the overtours following, viz.: first, that all appothecaries and surgeons, as usuallie phisicians doe, at thair graduatioun, give ane oath of fidelitie *pro fideli medicamentorum administratione*, which is, that they do not substitut *quid pro quo*, nor withhold anie thing prescrywit, least the medicament lose its qualities, and the patient be frustrat of its choose goodness; 2do, that all their chops and drogues therin be visitit yeirly, and that all spollit or lost drogues be cast out, and that sophisticat drogues be brunt to the dishonour of the owner, and that the samen be done with some of the magistrats with the phisicians of the plaice; 3tio, that the great compositions which ar maid once a yeir, or to serve the haill yeir for comon sale, be not maid up nor perfittit till on or tuo of the phisicians sie that all the simples be fresh and weell proportionit and preparit, and nothing withholdin; lastlie, that ewrie on act in ther oune proper spher, as the appothecar to provyd propar compositioune and sell drogues, the surgeon to provyd such ar appropriat for manuall exactions of chirurgrie and simplie to act thairin, or being able and qualified in pharmacie and chirurgrie, that they act in both, but speciallie be advyce of a phisician, so that non of them doe give internal medicine, nor tack on them to cure internal diseasses without the advyce of a phisiciane: Which premisses the counsell haueing hard and considerit, they ordaine the samen to be registrat in the counsell books, and ordanit that eurie appothecar or chirurgin admittit or to be admittit, give his aith for observeing the forsaids articles in tyme comeing.

23 Dec. 1657.

Commissioners for calling Durham and Rait to be ministers of this burghe.

power to the saids commissioners to vse and goe about all ordinarie and usuall means befor sessions, presbytries, and assemblies for obtaineing the forsaids persones transplantit in ane ordinarie and custumarie way, according to the rules of the Kirk of Scotland, with all convenient dilligence.

23 *December* 1657.

23 Dec. 1657.

Ordinance to Alexr. Alexander, baillie, and Wm. Schand, thesaurer, anent the money collectit for the Turks prisoners.

The said day, the counsell ordaines and appoints Alexr. Alexander, baillie, to delyuer to William Schand, thesaurer, such money as the said baillie hes in his hands, and is restand be him of the moneys collectit for the Turks prisoners, and appoints the said thesaurer to give band for him and his successors for the saids money, and the said baillie his band for the samen to be delyverit to him.

6 *January* 1658.

6 Jan. 1658.

Act appoynting ane day of publiet humiliatoune and fasting.

The said day, the provest, baillies, and counsell, tacking to hert the gret lowsnes and profanitie that is among persones of all ranks within this burghe, and the many outbrekings in manifold provocationns against the Lord, speciallie by the sins of vncleanes, adultries, and fornicationns dayly increasing and multiplieing, for which guiltines the Lords hand is justlie stretchit out against this place and inhabitants theroff in punishing ws manie ways for our sins, and cheeflie through want of the ordinances and ministers to administer the samen, in such measour and plentie as we wer wount formerlie to injoy, and in blasting all meins hitherto vsit for obtaineing the vacand places of the ministrie plantit within this burgh, and now thair being nominatioun maid of two able, pious, and godly persones to be ministers within this burghe, and the counsell goeing and being to goe about all ordinarie meins for obtaining the said men; therfor the provest, baillies, and counsell haue appointit and ordanit, and doe appoint and ordaine the day of January instant, to be set ane part as

ane day of publict humiliatioune and fasting for the haill inhabitants within this burghe, for confessing the forsaids guiltines and deprecating the Lords wrath from the place and inhabitants theroff, and that he wold be pleasit to giue ane blissing and good success to the meins vsit or to be vseit for obteineing the forsaids persones to be ministers of this burghe, exhorting and requyring the haill inhabitants to repair the said day to the publict ordinances, and so to improve the haill day both in publict and in privat, as they wold expect ane gracios returne from the throne of their humiliatione, and that all and whatsumewer persones abstaine the said day from the exercise of their ordinarie calling, and from doeing of anie servile work, with certificatioune that the contraveiners sall be punishit as the magistrats sall think expedient.

6 Jan. 1658. — Act appoynting ane day of publict humiliatoune and fasting.

6 *January* 1658.

6 Jan. 1658. — Act discharging bands and vnlawfull convocatioune for monopolizeing and inhanseing ane common imployment that aucht to be frie.

The said day, the counsell understanding that within this burghe there were certaine bands drawin vp and maid favoring of vnlawfull convocations, and wherby certaine [persones] wer indevoring to monopolize and inhanse imployments in ther owne persones, which aucht to be frie and arbitrarie, and that the saids bands, as they ar werie prejudicial to the libertie and benefite of others, so they ar repugnant to sindrie lawful, acts and constitutiones both of this natione and burghe; and in particular, vnderstanding that Mr Thomas Gordone, doctor of medicine, haid laitly drawin vp and maid ane band be way of contract from ane great number of the craftsmen of this burghe, wherby each on of them wer obligit to pay to the said doctor Thomas Gordone, for his attending of them and their families in administratione of medicine, certane particular soumis of money, according to evrie on his particular proportioun, exprest particularlie in the said band, with certaine other claussis relaiteing to the imploying of appothecaries, and furnishing drouges for their wse, as in the said contract of the dait the day of 1657, at lenth is contained: and the counsell conceaving the said contract to be both

6 Jan 1658.

Act discharging bands and vnlawfull convocationns for monopolisseing and inhanseing ane common imployment that aucht to be frie.

dishonorabill to the facultie of medicinars, as also not tollerable in any weel governit incorporatioun; and they haveing conveenit the said Doctor Gordoun befor, he did delyuer vp the said band to the provest, to be delyverit to the counsell and disposit vpon at their pleasour; and the samen being this day producit in presence of the counsell, the provest, baillies, and counsell ordanit the said band as ane vnlawfull ingadgment, to be cancellit and destroyit, which the counsell causit be immediatlie done, and declairit the haill persons granters of the samen to be frie of ingadgment for the soums thairin containit; and lykwayis declairit and ordainit, that all bands and vnlawfull ingadgments and convocatiouns, monopolising, or inhanseing any commone imployment that aucht to be frie and arbitrarie, and which ar contrarie to the acts and constitutiouns of the nation and burgh, maid or to be maid, are and sall be holdin as vnlawfull, and nowayes obligeing, and the persons, granters and givers of the samen, lyable to punishment according to the lawes and practique of this natione.

16 Feb. 1658.

No horses to be let for hire without notice to the postmaster.

16 *February* 1658.

The said day, anent the complaint given in to the counsell be James Scott, postmaster of this burghe, showing that the hyrers horses alsweel within the burghe as strangers, did hyre ther horses, and mack woyadges at ther pleasour, not acquanting the postmaster, to his gret hurt and prejudice; thairfoir desyring the counsell that they wold be pleasit, by ane order, to appoint that no horshyrers within nor without this burghe, suld hyr anie hors till first they acquaint the postmaster for the tyme, and that under such pecuniall fyne as they suld think expedient; which supplicatioun and complaint the counsell haveing taken to consideratioun, and finding the forsaid way of hyring werie prejudiciall to the postmaster, they ordanit . . . that . . . the horsehyrers within this burghe or freedome theroff, or any strangers, . . . hyr no horses till first they acquant the present postmaster before the hyring, or at least within twentie four hours

24 March 1658.

Renewal of acts anent lyke-wakes.

ticular the act alone exprest, and now, as formerly, doe discharge all invitations and publiet conventions to be maid at lyks or nicht wakings to or in the houssis wher any defunct persone sall happin to be, except it be of ten or tuelff persons of the neirest freinds and nichtbours, who may come to visit, comfort, or bear companie with the familie wher the defunct is, and thes that are neirest concernit, and that no droges, or deserts, or singing be at lykwaiks in anie tyme comeing, with the remanent articles of the said acts, which the counsell holds as her particularlie repeitit and insert.

7 April 1658.

Licence to Sir Gilbert Mengzies for two chopes, &c.

7 *April* 1658.

The said day, anent the supplicatioun givin into the counsell be Sir Gilbert Menzies of Pitfoddells, knicht, mentioning that wher he wes of intentioun, with their permissione, to erect and mack vp certaine little chopes of timber cloise to and vpon the forsyd wall of the westmost part of his land, in the south syd of the Castell gait, betwixt the timber forstair of William Gordone, tailycour his land, and his own westmost gait, and to come out towards the streit allyk with the said William his forstair; thairfor desyring the counsell to come and visit the ground and tack inspectioun theroff, and grant libertie for goeing about the premisses in maner above written, as in the supplicatioun at lenth is contennit; which the counsell haveing hard, seine, and considderit, and hauing come to the ground of the land and taken inspectioun theroff, they gaue and grantit, and heirby giues and grants libertie and permissioun to the said Sir Gilbert Menzies to mack vp, build, and erect tuo or mor chops as he suld think expedient, to and vpon the wall of the said land, betwixt the said Wm. Gordone his forstair and the westmost gait of the said Sir Gilbert his land, to come forth vpon the street allyk with the stair of the said William Gordoun and no further, and appointit the deane of gild to sie the samen accordinglie done and performit, the said Sir Gilbert, and his airs and successors of his said land, rendering and peying yeirly to the

3 Nov. 1658.

The bent on the links not to be cut.

3 *November* 1658.

The said day, wheras it is fund by experience that the corne lands and other parts adjacent to the sea shor and upoun the coast, which ar much lyable to the overblowing of sand, ar preservit from such harme by intertaneing and manteneing of such ground as ar links and bentie hillocks, that the superfice and scurff theroff be not brokin, whereby the blowing of sand may be occasioned; and the counsell finding that laitly ther hes bein cuttit and tane away of the neirest places adjacent to the sea and bentie hillocks ther of the lands belonging to this burght great quantities of bent for the wses of the houses and others, to the gret prejudice of the adjacent lands; tharfor for remeid wheroff the counsell hes statute and ordanit, and be it statute and ordanit, that no persone or persons whatsomever, upon whatsomever culor or pretext presume or tack upon hand to tack away or cut any bent or sinews callit sonaches of the saidis bentie hillocks or links, or parts adjacent to the lands neir the sea shor, without leave askit and givin, under the paine of ten pounds money, *toties quoties*, over and above any other punishment the magistrats sall inflict.

17 Nov. 1658.

Findlay admittit master of ane Inglish scooll.

17 *November* 1658.

The said day, anent the supplicatioune givin in to the counsell be William Findlay, indwellar in Aberden, schoweing that he haid bein doctour in John Broune, scooll maister, his scooll, within this burgh for ane certane tyme bygane, and sieing as he conceavit that he wes able to discharge the teaching of ane Inglish and wreiting scooll in this burgh by himselff, and that he wes werie willing to doe the promoter if he suld be permittit and authoriseit be thair honours; therfor desyring the counsellis libertie for that effect, and promiseing to carie himselff as becometh as in the supplicatioun is containit: Which the counsell haveing heard and con-

24 Nov. 1658.

Ane fast and day of humiliatioun appointit for seeking direction in the call of ministers.

and may doe the work of the Lord heir faithfullie for his glorie and the weell of the peiple, and for this effect doe appoint the tuentie fyft of this instant, being Thursday nixt, to be the said day of humiliatioun, and doe ernestly desyr and invite all the inhabitants of this burghe that they wold concur, both in publiet and privat, in goeing about the deutifull discharge of the work of the day as they wold wish the Lords blissing vpone the intendit work, and that the said day they abstaine from all civill imployments or ther ordinarie callings, that they may be the mor fitt for goeing about the dueties of the day, and recomends to the seuerall preichers of this burghe that they intimat thir presents the nixt Lords day.

1 *December* 1658.

1 Dec. 1658.

Election of two ministers.

The said day, the counsell tacking to considderatioun the long vacancie of the ministrie within this burghe, efter ane competent list of certane able preachers, they did mak electioun of Master John Patersoun, minister at Elloun, and Master Georg Meldrum, ane of the regents of the New Colledge in this burghe, to be tuo of the ministers of the samen for supplieing of the tuo places therin of the ministrie, vacand be the transplantatioun of Mr John Row to the principalitie of the Colledg of Old Aberdein, and of Master John Mengzes to the professioun of theologie within this burgh, and appointit the toune to be conveenit the nynt of this instant, . . . and thir presentis to be intimat to them that they may consent therto. . . .

29 *December* 1658.

29 Dec. 1658.

Report on registers of baptisms, marriages, and burials.

The said day, George Wilsoun being appointit be the counsell to tak inspectione of the haill registers and books of baptisme and mariage within this burgh, and to mark and observe the order of the samen, and what wes deficient and wanting, and haueing maid the report efterment ionat to the counsell, which they haueing hard and considderit, appointit the samen to be insert in the counsell book, wheroff the tenour is as followes: *Item*, ane

29 Dec. 1658.

monethis: *Item*, ane register of mariages begune be Thomas Cowie, sacrister, 27 Aprill 1628, and ending Nov. 23, 1658, not as yit: *Item*, ther is some old registers of burialls, but this many yeirs bygane ther is non to be found.

18 Jan. 1659.

18 *January* 1659.

Mr George Robertsoun books delyverit to the maister of the grammar scooll.

The said day, the counsell vnderstanding that ther wes certane books mortified and left be the deceast Mr George Robertsoun for the wse and behoue of the gramar scooll within this burgh, and that Mr Thomas Chalmer, somtyme master of the said schooll, did mell and intromet with the saids books, and at his removall did not delyuer the samen, and the counsell haueing causit wret to the said Mr Thomas theranent, for getting ane accompt theroff, and that by the said Mr Thomas his returns and derectiouns, they haid receavit the particular books following, viz.: Augustine of the Citie of God, with the coments of Lind. Vives: *Item*, Scotorum Historia auctore Hectore Boetio: *Item*, Titi Livii Decas 1ª: *Item*, Titi Livii Decas 4ª et 5ª: *Item*, ane old torne Calapine, laiking begining and ending: *Item*, ane old manuscript, contaning som annotationnes on the Epistle Paull to the Romans: *Item*, Alberti Crovi Campiani Annotationes in scopu biblica novi et veteris testamenti: *Item*, Antonii Senei Emblemata et Epigramata: *Item*, Joannis Sluperii Epigramata in omnium fere gentium nostre etatis habita, torne and imperfect: Which books alsouewretin the counsell ordanit to be delyuerit to the master of the gramar scooll, and that his recept be takin thervpon, and that dilligence be vsit for geting the remanent of the saids books.

15 June 1659.

15 *June* 1659.

Anent the grammar scooll.

The said day, the counsell tacking to consideratioun that the quarterlie visitatioun of the grammar and musick schools within this burghe appointit by former acts of counsell, iff richtlie gone about, wold tend much for promoveing of learning and the good of the youth; and for that effect the counsell haueing orderit certane overtours for regulating of the

samen to be dravin vp, which being accordinglie done, and this day the overtours vnderwritten, togidder with the *Leges Scole* appointit in the yeir 1636, being red in counsell and duely ponderit and considderit, wer approven, and the overtours vnder wrettin ordanit to be insert in the counsell book: 15 June 1659. — Anent the grammar scooll.

Followes the Overtours under wreten:—First, that there sall be foure solemne visitatiouns of the grammar scool ewerie yeir, ane at the beginning of ewerie quarter, at which visitatiouns the scollars are to be tryit by macking themes, interpretatiouns of authors, and analyzing the samene, macking verses, which will tack vp ane dayes work if richtlie done. Overtours anent the scool.

That there sall be ane register appointit for the visitations aforsaid, to be keepit by the master of the gramar scool, wherin sall be wretin the lawes of the scool printit about the yeir 1636, and also the act of counsell allowing thir overtours, wherinto he who at the quarterlie visitatioune sall gaine the premium sall insert his name with his own hand, and the point of tryall vpone which he ganit it, whither it wes by the macking of a theme, or of ane vers, or by annalyzing, with the dait of the visitatioun, which must be set doune by *nonus idus et calendus*, and the master to help thes of the inferior classes to do this the richt way, and his name and theme to be affixit aboue his class till the nixt visitatioune.

Thridlie, to recomend to the master that ewerie scoller in the scooll haue ane antagonist who may be alse equal as can be for stiring vp emulatioune, and that ewerie on may vait vpon his antagonist, that he get nocht help by anie other in his tryalls at the visitatione.

Fourthlie, to give the master the themes of the present visitatioun, to keep till the nixt quarterlie visitatioune, that ther proficiencie may be observit.

Fyftlie, that he who macks best vers haue ane præmium, efter it appeirs to be his ovne macking by examinatioune therone, alsweel as he that macks the best theme.

Sexthlie, to recomend to the master that at ewerie quarterly visitatioun ther may be some publict actione, (1) ather by some *colloquium* of

15 June 1659.

Overtours anent the scool.

Erasmus actit befor the visiters, which are but short and easily performit; or (2), some authors repeitit, as Cato Sulpitius, a Psalme of Buchanan, ane Epistle of Ovid, or ane Satur of Juvenall and Persius, or ane Ode of Horas; or (3), what will be most proper for the hich classes, and to the Lambes visitatioune, tuo short declamatiouns and a palemone, that by thes publict exercises the scollers may lerne boldness, and a vivacitie in speaking in publict. Some of these exercises wold be had at every quarterly visitatioun.

Sevinthly, that when tuo or mor ar equal in macking of a theme, or in other point of tryall, that they may be put to some extemporanian tryall for the beter discerneing of the victor who aucht to have the praemium, and that the visitours be carefull not to discurage the other, but when the praemium is given to the victor, his competitor may get his ovne due accomodatioune in publict, from his mouth that gives the premium to the victor.

Auchtly, that the visitours try how the scollers profitt in the grounds of religioun, by asking some questions of the Shorter Catechisme, and if they doe understand the meaning.

Nynthlie, that the visitors haue ane cair not to giue anie praemium in a partiall way to anie, as becaus they ar of kenned friends or allyance, seing that wer rather to discurage the mor deserueing, and incurage thes who wer more careles and neglegent, and to bring the visitatiouns in a ludiere and contempt, and frustrat the cheaff end of them; thairfor the visitors wold be carefull to goe about this deutie seriously and not slichtly, seing the doeing theroff so will tend greatlie, thorow Gods blessing, to the good of the scooll and scollers, and doubtles be a meine to stir vp charitable herts to mortifie lands and moneys to pious wses for the increas of learneing and wertew, when they perceave that cair is takin to fulfill the will of others that hes mortified for such wsses before them.

Tenthly, that at the entrie of ewerie visitatione, the act of counsell, which is to be in the first page of the Register, maid for approveing or recomending thir or others the lyke rules for visitatiounes be red, speciallie at the quarterly visitations, for refreshing the memorie of the visitors.

23 Nov. 1659. — Monck, haueing returnit maid his report, and the counsell approvit of his dilligence, and renderit him hartie thanks.

5 *December* 1659.

5 Dec 1659. — Approbatioun of the leter wretin to the Lord Generall Monck.

The said day, the magistrats presentit to the counsell the draucht and forme of ane leter to the Lord Generall Monck in answer to his proposalls and desyres sent with Baillie Mollysoun, commissioner for the burghe, for meiting with the said Generall, off the which leter the tenour followes: Richt Honorable, our commissioner, Baillie Mollysoun, who was sent to attend your Lordship vpon the fyftent of November last, at his returne did delyuer to ws your Lordships leter of the dait the day of 1659, desyring our ansuer anent certaine particulars therin exprest. We ar frie to declair to your Lordship that we find it our dewtie to mantein the peace of the commonwealth in this burghe, and according to our abilities sall be willing and readie to suppress all tumults and vnlawfull assemblies as the samen in this place sall occur, and sall countenance and incurage the godlie ministerie, and all that trewlie fear God in the land, and sall continew faithfull to owne and assist parliamentarie governement in our place and stations: We wish the Lord may blis your Lordship to be instrumentall for setleing of peace and trueth in thes nations, and for obtaineing ease to the gret burdens of the distressit people, of whom ther is non mor then the inhabitants of this place; yit we sall to our abilitie mack readie such of the cesse as may be gottin in and is restand of the byganes for the tuelff moneths.—Which draucht forsaid being red in counsell, the counsell approvit the samen, and ordanit the toun to be convenit the morrow at tuo oclock for giveing ther approbatioun therto, and the magistrats to subscryue the forsaid leter.

According to the forsaid order the toune wes convenit the day and tyme aforsaid, and did approve the forsaid forme and draucht of the said leter, and ordanit the magistrats to signe and subscryve the samen, which wes accordinglie done.

21 *December* 1659.

21 Dec. 1659.

Ane watch appointit.

The said day, the counsell tackand to consideratioun that throw the lowsnes of the tyme this burghe micht be infestit with robbers and brokin men, who might in the nicht tyme wrong and rob the housses, boothes, and goods of the inhabitants and others within this burghe, therfor for the beter saiftie and preservatioun of the toune and of the merchandis boothes and goods, appointit and ordanit, and does appoint and ordaine ane nichtlie watch to be within this burghe, consisting of fourtie men or therabout, beginand at half nyne hours at nicht, and dissolveing at sex hours in the morneing, which is to continew dureing the counsells pleasour, and appointit the deane of gild to furnish and provyd muskatts and partizan staves, with powder and ball requisit for the said bussines, and the baillie of each quarter nichtlie to attend ther respective watches and ther conventiones, and to tack vp ther names, and appoint them such orders as they sall find expedient.

18 *January* 1660.

18 Jan. 1660.

Anent the Vicount of Frendrat his escape out of prisone.

The said day, the provest held out to the counsell befor convenit, that James Vicount of Frendrat being with James Crichtoun of Kinardie, his father, imprisonit within the Tolbuith of this burghe at the instance of certane persons, ther creditors, for certane sowms of money and other onerous caussis containit in the severall actis of incarceratioun maid thairanent, haid vpon the seventent day of Januar instant, betwixt four and fyue hours efternoon, maid escape out of prisone at the Tolbuith dor, by neglect of William Garich, Alexander Smith, and George Pratt, town officers, then keepers of the dores, they being abusit by drink; and that for regaining the said prisoners the magistrats haid bein vseing all the dilligence and moyen they culd, and haid sent Baillie Alexander and Baille Mollisoun, accompanied with certane of the ablest men of the toune, for macking furth ane inquirie for and efter the said Vicount, and haid

18 Jan. 1660. — Anent the Vicount of Frendrat his escape out of prisone.

wretin leters to the capitane of the watch for the shyr and others, giving notice of the said escape, and craveing their assistance, and desyrit the new and old counsellis ther approbatioun of the premissis, and that they wold advyse the magistrats what further they suld doe in the said business. The new and old counsell alsov convenit, approvit of the magistrats ther proceeding in the premisses, and recomendit to thame to caus giue notice by leters to Banff, Invernes, Elgin, and other burghes they suld think requisit, and also to the Capitane of Dunoter Castle, and Governour of Invernes, for ther assistance in regaineing the said prisoner, and geting passes stopit, that he suld not mack escape out of the natioun.

22 Feb. 1660. — Farther attempts to be made for recovery of the Viscount Frendraught.

22 *February* 1660.

The said day, the counsell tacking to consideratioune that all former attempts and essayes gone about and vseit anent the regaineing of James Vicount of Frendrat, who did vpon the seventeint day of March [January] last, escape furth of the Tollbuith of this burghe, haid provine ineffectuall and to no purpose; and yet, notwithstanding, resolveing not to giue over but further to act in anything conduceable thereanent, they have impowerit and authorized, and does impower and authorize the magistrats to act and goe about any further dilligence in regaineing of the said Vicount they sall find expedient; and what the magistrats sall doe theranent the counsell to hold firme and stable, and wheranent thir presents to be warrand.

30 May 1660. — Act anent the touns solemnization for his maiesties happie and saif returne.

30 *May* 1660.

The said day, the provest, baillies, and counsell understanding that our Soverane Lord the Kings Maiestie, to the great rejoiceing of ther hearts, wes now efter a long banishment from the enjoyment of his dominions of England, Scotland, and Ireland, by the wonderfull mercies of God and ouer ruleing hand of Providence happily restorit to the just and good governement of his saids dominions, and wes in a peaceable maner, without hostilitie

30 May 1660.

Act anent the touns solemnization for his maiesties happie and saif returne.

being befor, singing songis and praiseing with such scripturall psalms as the minister sall appoint, and that the whole bells in the toune be rung the whole day, and bonfyrs put on, and the inhabitants efter ther comeing from the church to the croce singing and praising God as aforsaid, to draw up in order in ther armes wpon the Castellgatt Streit, befoir the magistrats and others, who sall be about the table at the croce, and orderlie giue such volies and shots as sall be appointit to them be the magistrats and ther respective commanders heirefter nominat, and the trumpets and drums sounding and beating according to the respective orders to be givin therfor, and that efter disolveing from the croce the inhabitants spend the remanent of the day in shooteing and goeing thorow the streets of the toune, and that they vse all civill and godlie merriement and joy, that may evidence and expres the joy and glaidnes of ther hearts; and for the beter ordering of the inhabitants vnder ther armes in goeing about the forsaid work, ordanit the inhabitants be devydit in four companies according to their respective quarters, and each company to haue their owne capitanes and wther commanders in maner efter specifeit, viz.: for the companie of the Futtie quarter, Thomas Melvill, lait dean of gild, capitane, George Melvill his leytennent, and Robert Gray, second lawfull sone of the deceist Mr Thomas, lait provest, ensigne bearer: *Item*, for the company of the Grein quarter, Alexander Burnet of Skethoksley, capitane; John Scott, lait deane of gild, leytennent; and Robert Burnet, sone to Alexander Burnet, lait baillie, ensigne bearer: *Item*, for the company of the Crookit quarter, William Cuthbert, burges of Aberdein, capitane; Walter Innes, burges thair, leytennent; and James Robertson, sone to Alexr. Robertsone, lait baillie, ensigne bearer; and for the Evin quarter, Master Robert Patrie, lait baillie, capitane; Arthour Dalgardno, burges, thair leytennent; and Mr Thomas Buck, ensigne bearer; with power to the saids capitans to choose sergeands and wthers needfull theranent, and appointit the dean of gild to sie and caus the premisses accordinglie be performit, and what charges and expenssis sall be expent and debursit theron, the samen to be allowit in his accompts.

6 *June* 1660.

6 June 1660.

The said day, the counsell appoints the magistrats to caus wret, draw vp, and subscriue for themselues, and in name of the counsell and communitie of this burghe, ane ample leter and humble addres to his Majestie, in the best forme can be falne vpon, and to delyuer the samen to the Laird of Drum, who is goeing wp to his Majestie, to be delyverit in their name.

Ane humble addres to be writtin to his majestie.

4 *July* 1660.

4 July 1660.

The said day, anent the complaint givin in to the counsell be Doctor James Lesly, doctor of medicine, James Rolland of Disblair, Capitane George Melvill, Robert Gray, Robert Patrie. John Thomsone, Dauid Aikinheid, Gilbert Lesly, Vidast Kelly, Andro Cranstoun, and William Whit, burgesses of Abirdein, against Mr Andro Cant, minister of the said burghe, mentioning that wher upon the last day of solemnitie for congratulating his Majesties hapie restauratioun to his just rights, the compleners finding in on of ther numbers custodie ane tresonable and seditious book in Inglish, callit *Lex Rex*, publishit without author or authoritie, being stuffit with no les treasone and rebellion then ane serpent full of poysone, wheras by the lawes of this kingdome, Queen Marys Parliament 5, Act 27, the publishing of any books without publict authoritie is expresly forbiddin; lykways it wes clear be the Acts of Parliament efter mentionat, that the hearing and concealling of treasone, tresonabil books or wrets, in prejudice of his Maiestie, is declarit to be hich tresone, the compleeners esteeming it ther duetie as a work suteable for that day, and the mor to testifie ther loyaltie, did destroy that book which properly did belong to them, that others micht not be insnarit therwith, leaving the censur of all such infernall peeces and ther authors to suprem authoritie; yit, nevertheless, the said Mr Andro Cant, upon the last Lords day, being the first of Julii instant, did publictly, in his sermon, to ther honors hearing, vindicat

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and declair that the author of the said book wes ane holy, learnit, gracious, and pious man as euer this natioun brought furth, and did most uncristianly utter cursses and imprecatiouns against the compleeners, viz., God rub shame upon them, and to set his mark upon them, which he declarit to be his prayers in privat, and calling us villanes and actors of villanies, praying lykways that the said mark micht be affixit on ther bodies, that ther soulls micht be savit in the day of the Lord, contrar to Christs rule, who comands ws blis and curs not; and seeing that by Act of Parliament K. James VI., Parliament 14, Act 205, It is appointit that the authors of all treasonable books or wrets sall not be conceallit, but that all persons ar holdin to declair the samen to the sheriff, provest, or baillie, within brugh, under paine of treasone; and the said Mr Andro haveing so friely and publictly preachit to the vindicatioun and praiss of the author of the said book, it is presumit that he himselff is the author, or otherways he can condiscend upon some other: lastly, in respect by other Acts of Parliament, King Charles I., Parliament 3, 84th, Act 8th; and also in the Act King Charles I., the 2nd triennial Parliament, session 2nd, Act 20th, It is appointit that quhatsomeuer persone or persons suld be hard to curs, they suld be punishit by seueral fines, and if he wer ane minister, he suld los the fyft part of his yeirly stipend, tharfor desyring the counsell to convein the said Mr Andro to ansuer to the abone writin bill; and they wold consider that Gods glorie, the kings honour, the peoples saifitie, being so much interestit therin, and the dangerous consequences that micht follow if this opportunitie suld be omittit, and efter full examination, that they wold grant justice as accordis in law, and ordaine him to condiscend upon the author of the book, and censur him for his cursing; which supplicatioun and complaint the counsell haueing hard, appointit the baillies to goe on and try the particulars contanit in the bill, and to report to the counsell.

15 *August* 1660.

15 August 1660.

The said day, the counsell appoints the sermons preachit in the churches of this brughe be Mr John Paterson, minister of this brughe, and Mr John Mengzes, professor of divinitie, vpon the day of last, for the Kings Majesties happie restauration to the just governement of his dominions, to be put to the presse and printit with all convenient dilligence, wpon the charges of the toune, and appoints the ministers to be aquaint for puting the saids sermons in order for the forsaid effect; as also that the forme and maner of the solemnitie be the inhabitants of this burghe the said day for the forsaid effect, be sielyk put to the press, and printit vpon the tounes charges, and that the samen be put in good order therfor.

The sermons at the tounes solemnitie with the forme of the solemnitie to be printit.

17 *August* 1660.

17 August 1600.

The said day, the counsell tacking to consideration that Mr Andro Cant, one of the ministers of this burghe, haid this week removit himselff, with his wyff, familie, goods, and geir, to the south, for macking, as they wer informit, his residence ther, and that he haid left his charge of the ministerie heir vacant, and haid not acquantit the counsell of his removeall; as also considdering that being informit in respect of the said Mr Andro his seeknes, weaknes, and old aige, he wes to remove, they haid causit the baillies goe to him for knowing his intentione theranent, and desyring him that he wold caus suplie his charge of the ministerie heir in some good maner, so long as he suld be absent, and that he haid [given] no satisfactioun theranent, but haid removit and left his charge vacand, as said is, therfor they haue appointit, and does appoint, the said Mr Andro Cant to be persewit befor the presbitrie with all convenient dilligence in the ordinarie way, according to the rules of the Church of Scotland, for being decernit to supplie his charge of the ministerie within this bruche by himselff allon, or with the assistance and help of ane sufficient, able, qualified

Master Androw Cant to be persewit befor the presbitrie.

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persone, or otherways the place to be declairit vacand: and the counsell does commissionat and appoint Gilbert Gray and Alexander Alexander, baillies, to goe about the prosecutione of the said mater befor the presbitrie to the finall closur theroff.

29 Aug. 1660.

Ane fast appointit.

29 *August* 1660.

The said day, the counsell, in consideratioun of the unseasonable and tempestuous weather, appoints ane fast to be keepit within this burghe be the haill inhabitants of this burghe, for begging ane blessing to the ensueing harvest, upon the day of nixt, and appointit the ministers to be acquaint therwith.

12 Sept. 1660.

Anent the escape of Vicount Frendrat.

12 *September* 1660.

The said day, the counsell taking to consideration that the provest and baillies haid beine verie active in goeing about the vsing all possible meanes for regaineing of James Vicount of Frendrat, who did escape the Tolbuith and prisone of this brughe vpon the day of last, and that they haid done exact dilligence theranent, in so far as wes in ther power, as also that the said Vicount did mack his escape furth at the dore of the said Tolbuith thorow the neglect of the officers then keepers of the dores of the prisone, sua that his escape culd not be imput to the magistrats, the Tolbuith being all round about clos in ewrie part theroff; tharfor the counsell all in ane woce haue declarit, and does declair, the provest and baillies, as magistrats for the tyme, frie of all and whatsomeuer hazard and prejudice may follow vpon the said Vicount his escape, and that the samen is not to be imput to them in any maner of way.

12 *September* 1660.

12 Sept. 1660.

Act prohibiting women to sit in dasks.

The said day, the counsell tacking to consideratioun that the dasks within the churches of this brughe wer much takin wp and maid wse of by certane women within the samen, and that certane inhabitants who haid the libertie and priviledge of daskis for ther awne wses, did bring ther wyffis with them to ther dasks, which wes not, nether hes bein in tyme bygane the practice of this brughe, it being only practicable within the samen that the men did posses and mack wse of the dasks, and the women did sit wpon the floor or in the body of the churches in litle handsome chaires, or such comodious seats as they fand expedient and wes permissable be the counsell to be maid wse of; thairfor the counsell for tacking away of the said abusse in tyme comeing, ordaines and appoints that the wyffe of no inhabitant within this brughe or others whosomeuer, posses, tack wp, or sit in any dask within the churches of this brughe in tyme comeing, with certificatioune to any that sall contraveine the premisses, being thrie tymes prohibit and forbiddin be the sacrister or churchwarden, or be any others the counsell sall appoint, sall pay the sowme of fyve punds money to the deane of gild for the wse of the toune, *toties quoties*, as they sall be fund to contraveine, efter admonitioun in maner abovewrettin; and it is heirby declarit that this present act sall nowayes haue effect, nor is not understood to be maid against the laidies of Earles, Lordes, Barrones, and other honorable women, but it sall be lesome to them to haue access to the dasks within the churches of this brughe als friely as befor the macking heiroff.

26 *September* 1660.

26 Sept. 1660.

Annual election and a letter from the Lord Chancellor.

The said day, the provest, baillies, and counsell of the burghe of Aberdeine, . . . being convenit within the counsellhous . . . as wpone the ordinar day of electioun of the magistrats, counsell, and officemen, for electing and chooseing of the new counsell of this burghe for the yeir to come, . . .

26 Sept. 1660.

Annual election and a letter from the Lord Chancellor.

and the act of burrowes wnderwritten being producit and publictly red in counsell, quheroff the tenour followes:—At Edinburghe, the fyftent day of September 1660 yeirs, the which day the Commissioners of Burrowes now convenit haueing receavit ane leter derect to them from the Lord Chancellar, which wes red, and efter serious consideratioun thereof they thocht fitt the samen suld be recordit, wheroff the tenor followes:—Right Worthie, haueing hard of ane meiting of the burrows, and considdering of how much importance it may be to his Majesties service that tymely cair may be takin, that at ther nixt election of ther magistrats and counsell in ther seuerall burghes, such only may be maid choose of as ar of knovin fidelitie and loyaltie towards his Majestie, though I haue good reasone to be confident that in thankfulnes of so great ane mercie which God hes manifestit to ws all in the happie restauratione of our most gracious Soverane, nane of yow will be wanting in that duety yow owe to his sacred Majestie in your stationes, yit I conceave it to be my duetie to put yow in mind of that which his Majestie doeth expect of your affectione and zeall to his service, and which may be ane lasting evidence of the Burrowes of Scotland ther loyaltie, and rubing of the many reproaches that hes beine laid upon all this kingdome, occasionit by the former practisses of a few disloyall persones who prosperit in ther wickednes for ane tyme, and that they may be the easier discoverit and renderit unworthie of any trust among loyall subjects; but as I noways doubt of your good resolutiones in this, so I at this tyme sall give yow no mor truble, but that this and all other purposes that may concerne his Majesties service may be recomendit to your meiting. from your affectionat freind and servand, Glencairne:—In persewance wheroff the present Commissioners finding themselues bund to indevor that no disaffected person to his Majesties government be in any place or power in ther respective corporations, did ordaine, and heirby ordaines, that in the ensueing electione of magistrats, counsell, and all other offices within burghe, no persone or persons who contryved or subscryvit the remonstrance or associatiouns, or concurrit in the prosecutioun of any cours for promoveing the ends

theroff, or ther determinatiouns since anno 1650, or any otherways disaffectit to his Majesties government, or indevors by factioun or seditioun to the disturbance of his Majesties peace, or desertit any charge of his Majesties armes without ane lawfull warrand, that non such be admittit to any place of magistracie, counsell, or any other office of deacon within brughe; and ordaines this act to be speedilie comunicated to ilk burghe, that non pretend ignorance, and ilk brughe to returne thair dilligence to the nixt conventioun of burrows, wnder the paine of twentie pundis, and this to be ane head of the nixt missive: The counsell, conforme to the acts of parliament decret, arbitrall, and act of burrowes above wretin, efter invocatioun of the name of God, procedit to the said electione.

26 Sept. 1660. — Annual election and a letter from the Lord Chancellor.

4 *October* 1660.

4 October 1660. — Ane cup to be sent to Capitane Johne Strachan.

The said day, the counsell tacking to consideratioun that Capitane Johne Strachan, ane of his Majesties attenders residenter at London, culd be verie serviceable to this burghe, and that he haid promist be his lettre so to be, ordanit the thesaurer to furnish or caus mack with all convenient dilligence ane handsome cup of siluer, wechand tuentie fyve unces, as also to furnish and caus mak wp tuo barrell of good and sufficient salmond, the said cup and salmond to be sent to the said John in tokin of the touns respect to him.

31 *October* 1660.

31 October 1660. — A badge to be made for the common post.

The said day, the counsell appoints John Bennet, thesaurer, to caus mack ane badge of silver to Alexr. Gray, post, indweller of this brughe, with the tounes armes theron, for demonstrating him to be comon post for this burghe, and that the said badge be of weght, quantitie, and forme of the badge givin be the toune to George Godsman, post, and what charges sall be deburst thereon, the samen to be allowit in the thesaurers accompt.

25 Feb. 1661.

Anent the raiseing of that dismemberit part of the bodie of the Marques of Montrose.

25 *February* 1661.

The said day, the counsell haveing informatione from Doctor James Lesley, doctor of medicine, that it was signified to him from Edinburgh by Capitane George Melvill, that it wes the desyr of ane noble and potent Earle James Marques of Montrose, that that dismemberit part of the bodie of the lait murtherit Marques of Montrose, his father, suld be socht out of the place of the church of this burghe wher the samen wes interrit efter it wes takin doune from of the pinacle wher it wes put up by the enimies of the said Marques, and that the samen suld be takin vp and preservit till order suld come for transporting the samen to the bodie; and the magistrats and councell haveing givin order for the forsaid effect, and report being maid to them that the said member wes fund out in the place of the said church wher it had beine interrit, and being most willing and desyrous to tack wp and preserue the same in the most decent and convenient maner culd be gone about, have appointit, and does appoint, the inhabitants of this burghe to be warnit be beat of drum and sound of trumpet for conveining this day about tuelff oclok, in ther best armes and array, for accompanieing the magistrats and councell to the church for tacking wp the said member; and that the samen be takin wp and put in ane coffin, to be coverit with ane reid crimpsone velvet cloth, and caried be Harie Grahame, son to the Laird of Morphye, from the church doun the Braid streit to the touns publict house, accompanied be the magistrats and counsell, and with the inhabitants of the toune going befoir in armes to the touns publict hous with sound of trumpet and beat of drum, ther to be keepit vnder custodie of the magistrats in the hich counsell hous till such tyme as order suld be sent for transporting theroff, and appoints the inhabitants to discharge ther guns and shoot vollies at and about the mercat croce at ther comeing thervnto, and delyverie of the said member to the magistrats.

6 *March* 1661.

6 March 1661.

Alexander Andersone permittit to have ane scooll.

The said day, anent the supplicatioun givin in to the counsell be Alexander Andersone, lawfull sone to William Andersone, elder, burges of Aberdein, schoweing that wher dureing his younger yeirs in burghe it pleasit the Lord to wouchsafe vpon him some learneing in reading and wreating, which thrie yeirs bygane he had employit in teaching of young children in the country; and sieing that John Browne, ane of their honors schooll masters, was to remove, therfor desyring that the counsell wold grant him libertie to discharge the said dutie in this brughe, promiseing to goe about the samen carefully and dilligently to the contentment of all concernit, according to his abilitie, as in the supplicatioun wes contanit. The counsell haveing hard the supplicatioun, grantit the supplicants desyr dureing his good cariage and service in the said imployment.

17 *April* 1661.

17 April 1661.

Act anent the touns solemnitie of his Maiestes coronatioun.

The said day, the provest, baillies, and counsell, understanding the tuentie thrid of this instant wes appointit be the Parliament of England for our Soverane Lord the King his Maiesties coronatioun, and receaving the crown of his kingdome of England; and considdering that it was the duetie of all his Majesties subjects not onlie in that his kingdome of England, but also thorow out all his other dominions, to testifie and mack known to the world ther hearts rejoiceing and solemnitie for that happie and so long wishit for day in the most solemne and publict maner they wer able to doe the samen, and that it wes the duetie of this brughe, as on of his Majesties royall burrows of this kingdome, to goe about the same in alse solemne and magnificent ane way as possibly they wer able to expres: thairfor the provest, baillies, and counsell ordaines and appoints Master John Patersone, minister, and Mr John Mengzes, professor of divinitie, to mack ane sermon of thanksgiving, the on in the Old Church and the other in the New, the said day, and his Majesties loft in the Old

17 April 1661.

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Church to be all coverit and hung over with tapestrie in the best forme, and that the haill inhabitants of this brughe be warnit at the mercat croce, and throw the haill streits of the toune be sound of trumpet and beat of drum, to assemble themselves and be in readines in their best armes and abulzement at sewin oclok in the morneing at the church the said day, for blissing God for his Majesties happie coronatioune, and that the mercat croce of this brughe be all coverit and hung with tapestrie, haveing vpon the top therof musicianars skilfull in singing and playing, and ane long table to be set thereat, and all sorts of confections set therone, and the magistrats and most worthie men of the toune to be set and placit therabout, and that wyne be broucht to the croce in barrellis in great abundance, and let out to all that pleases; and glasses to be brokin and cassin; and the inhabitants come from church in order under armes, the magistrats being befor all, singing and praising with such scriptural psalms as the ministers sall appoint, and that the whole bells be rung the haill day, and bonfyres put on, and the inhabitants, efter thair comeing from the church as aforsaid, to draw vp in order at the croce, and give such volies and shots as sall be appointit to them, and the trumpets and drums to sound and beat as they sall be orderit, and that efter comeing from the croce they spend the remanent of the day in shooting volies, and that they vse all civill and godlie merriment becoming the work of the day; and for the beter ordering the inhabitants in their armes, ordanit the haill toun to be devydit in four companies according to ther respective quarters, and each company to haue their owne capitane and other officers in maner efter specifeit, viz., for the company of the Futtie quarter, Thomas Melvill, lait dean of gild, to be capitane; Arthour Dalgardno, his levtennent; and Mr Thomas Buck, sone of the deceast Thomas Buck, ensigne bearer. *Item*, for the company of the Grein quarter, John Scott, lait dean of gild, capitane; Alexr. Burnet, younger, levtennent; and Master Thomas Forbes, sone to Robert Forbes, lait baillie, ensigne bearer. *Item*, for the Cruikit quarter, William Cuthbert capitan; Walter Innes levtennent; and James Robertsone, son to Alexr. Robertsone, bailly, ensigne bearer. *Item*, for the Evin

quarter, capitane; levtennant; and Wm. Robertson, son to Charles Robertsone, ensigne bearer; with power to the saids capitans to choose serjeands whom they suld think expedient; and appointit the dean of gild to caus the premisses be accordinglie observit, and what charges suld be debursit therone the same to be allowit in his accompts.

17 April 1661. — Act anent the touns solemnitie of his Maiestes coronatioun.

1 *May* 1661.

1 May 1661.

The said day, anent the supplicatioun given in to the counsell be James Schewane, burges of Aberdein, schewing that wher be deceas of James Duncan, lait possessor of the hous and master of the scooll in the Scoollhill belonging to their honours, the samen wes now vacand and at your honours disposall, and sieing he wes ane burges of gild and tounes barne, and hopit by the grace of God to be somewhat aible to goe about the said duetie; thairfor desyring the counsell to tack his present meane conditione to consideratione, and to admitt and receave him to the said charge, and to grant him the benefite of the said scoollhous for teaching young ons in reading and wreiting, promissing to doe faithfull duetie thairin according to his abilitie, as in the supplicatioun wes contanit: The counsell haveing hard and considderit the supplicatioune, and being advysit therwith, gives and grants to the supplicant the benefite of the scoollhous in the Scoolhill befoir injoyit be the said James Duncan for teaching and instructing the young ones in reading and wreiting, with power to him to imploy and mack wse of the said hous and scooll for the said effect dureing his good service and the counsellis pleasour.

The hous and scooll befor enjoyit be James Duncan grantit to James Schewane.

4 *September* 1661.

4 Sept. 1661.

The said day, the counsell wpon the supplicatioun of Master William Aidy, presentit to them, grants libertie and licence to him to teach and instruct young scollers entering the colledg, or enterit befor, in the Greek

Licence to Mr William Aidy to teach Greek.

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toung, at such convenient hours and occasions as sall not be prejudiciall to ther instructioun and attendance in the gramar scooll and colledg, dureing the said Mr William his good service and the counsellis pleasour, and the counsell continues ther ansuer to that part of his supplicatioun anent his chamber maill to ther further consideration.

16 October 1661.

Ane day of thanks-giveing.

16 *October* 1661.

The said day, the counsell ordains ane day of thanksgiveing to be keipit within this burghe be the haill inhabitants theroff, the
day of October instant, in consideration of the good harvest, and the ministers to be acquaint theranent.

Eodem die.

Warrand to the deane of gild.

Eodem die.

The said day, the counsell tacking to consideratioun that Master James Gordoun, minister at Rothiemay, haid beine at great paines in draughting wpone ane meikle cairt of paper, this burghe and fredome and other pairts adjacent neir therto, which he haid this day delyverit to the counsell weell done; tharfor in tokin of ther thankfulnes, ordains the deane of gild to buy or caus mack ane silver peece or cup, wechtand tuentie unces, and to buy ane silk hatt, and delyuer to the said Mr James, with ane silk govn to his bedfellow, quheranent thir presentis to be warrand.

18 Dec. 1661.

Anent keeping secret the counsell of this brught.

18 *December* 1661.

The said day, the counsell tacking to consideratioun that ther wes many good and laudable acts and ordinances maid be ther predicessors anent keeping secret the counsell of this brught much slichtit and neglectit, and the counsell effairs much devulgit; tharfor ordanit and

appointit that in tyme comeing, whatsomeuer persone or persons sall be fund to devulge any of the effairs of the counsell of this brught, to be depryvit of ther fredome efter the first convictioun *ipso facto*. 18 Dec. 1661.

8 *February* 1662. 8 Feb. 1662.

The said day, the counsell tacking to consideration that the Inglish and reading scoollis within this burghe haid bein this seuerall yeirs bygane much neglectit and abusit by the too many persons who haid no abilitie ther haueing libertie to exerce the duetie theroff, as also taking to consideratioun that laitly this burgh haid causit John Gormak, ane able qualified man in reading and wreiting, come from Edinburghe for discharge of the said imployment; thairfor to the effect the scoollis may be beter regulat, and the youth instructit in tyme comeing, ordaines and appoints to haue ane scooll for teaching young ons in reading and wreting, and Robert Webster, who hes also the libertie of ane scooll, to haue the scooll for teaching and instructing young ons in reading and arithmetik, and John Moubray to haue the libertie of ane scooll for teaching and instructing young children of Futtie and in the Castellgett, and discharges all other persons from haueing any Inglish scoollis for reading, wreting, or arithmetik within this burgh, except such woman as the counsall sall permitt for instructing young ons in the grounds of reading. Anent the Inglish scoolls.

19 *March* 1662. 19 March 1662.

The said day, the counsell admitts Barbara Mollysone, relict of the deceast Archibald Muschet, burges of Aberdein, and dauchter to the deceast Mr Thomas Mollysone, sometyme toun clerk of the said burgh, mistres for learneing of young ones in reading, wreting, and seweing in the scooll foundit within this burgh be the Laidie Rothemay. Barbara Mollysone admittit mistres of the Laidie Rothemay her scooll.

26 March 1662.

Warrand to the magistratis to delyuer to Robert Burnet the draucht of the toune.

26 *March* 1662.

The said day, the counsell ordaines the magistrats to delyuer to Robert Burnet, who is now goeing to Holland, the draucht and stans of this brughe and fredome and others therin exprest, drawin wpon paper with pen and ink be Mr James Gordone, minister at Rothemay, and the said Robert to advyse in Holland what way and at what rate the said draucht sall be most handsome and convenientlie done, and to acquant the toune therwith.

24 May 1662.

Anent the solemnitie for the Quens Majesties arryvell.

24 *May* 1662.

The said day, the magistrats haueing signified to the counsell that they had receavit ane leter from ther commissioners at parliament, schewing that the Quens Majestie wes arryvit at Portsmouthe, and that the burghe of Edinburghe haid already keepit ane day of rejoiceing for her happie arryvell, and therfor thought it expedient that this burghe to the effect they suld nocht be deficient in ther duetie, suld speidilie set about their duetie in the lyk: The counsell haweing hard the said leter, with the magistrats proposall forsaid, haue appointit, and does appoint, the tounes inhabitants to be all convenit in arms at thrie hours this day in the efternoone, by beat of drum, and that the croce be hung all about, and wyne and confections broucht therto in great abundance, and that the inhabitants discharge and give volies as they suld be appointit by their seuerall commanders, and that bonfyres be set on thorow the haill streits.

29 May 1662.

Anent the touns magazine.

29 *May* 1662.

The said day, the counsell tacking to consideratioun that notwithstanding of ane laudable practise of ther predicessors, that all entering burgessis, als weill burgessis of gild as craftismen at the tyme of ther

admissione, wer in wse to present befor the counsell ane musket with bandeleir conforme, or ane pick, or the ordinar pryce *respective* of the samen, for advancement of the commone magazine of this burghe, by the last confusioun of the tymes the samen had been out of wse for divers yeirs bygane; as also tacking to consideration that the touns haill magazine wes plunderit and tackin away by the enemies and vsurpers: thairfor ordaines and appoints that euerie burges of gild at the tyme of admission, present befor the counsell ane sufficient musket with bandeleir conforme, and that ewrie craftsman, the tyme of thair admission, present ane sufficient pick, or then that they pey to the deane of gild the ordinar pryce *respective* of the samen, to the effect the touns common magazin may be againe provydit.

28 May 1662.

Anent the touns magazine.

15 *August* 1662.

15 August 1662.

The said day, the counsell nominats and appoints Robert Gray, secund laufull sone to the decest Mr Thomas Gray, sometyme provest of Aberdein, bearer of the tounes standart and ensigne at ther conventione and perambulatione of the utter land merches, to be riddin and perambulat the day of this instant.

Robert Gray to bear the touns standart.

15 *October* 1662.

15 October 1662.

The said day, the counsell appoints threten shilling four pennies money to be given weekly out of the moneys belonging to the sessione to William Brutchie . . . and appoints the tuo litle housses under the Gallowgait Port to be ane duelling hous to the said scurger dureing his service.

Anent the scurger.

29 *October* 1662.

29 October 1662.

The said day, the counsell ordains the fyft of November nixt to be keepit and observit within this brughe as ane day of solemne thanksgive-

The gune powder treasone.

29 October 1662. — The gune powder treasone.

ing to the Lord for preservatioun of his Majestie King James the sext of happie memory from the gune powder treasone, and ordaines bonfyres to be set on in the afternoone by the inhabitants.

29 October 1662. — Solemnities at the burial of the provost.

29 *October* 1662.

The said day, the counsell tacking to ther serious consideratioun that it hath pleasit Almightie God to remove from this mortall lyffe William Gray, present provest of this brughe, yesternight about seven hours, and it being incumbent upon them, and the haill inhabitants of this brughe, to confer upon him relateing to his buriall, all honor and due respect in ther power, to the effect the samen may be decentlie gone about, ordains the haill persons of counsell to be in mourneing for convoying of the corps, and the haill bells in the toune to be rung and tollit in ane mourneing sound befor, at, and efter, interring the corps; and alse appoint the magistrats to caus conveine vnder comand of ane captaine ane hundreth and fiftie men of the inhabitants, to be in arms for convoying the said corps, and that they discharge thrie tyms at interring the corps.

4 Jan. 1663. — Submission entered into for settling differences with Old Aberdeen.

4 *January* 1663.

The said day, forsamekle as Alexr. Charles, wright, burges of Aberdein, being imployit be Thomas Mitchell and John Rosse, merchant burgesses of Aberdein, to mack and set vp ane malt coble in ane barne belonging to them within the Old Toun of Aberdein for ther proper wse, and he and his servants being about the said work within the Old Toune, they wer wpon the day of last bypast, interrupt and impedit thairin, and their workloumes takin from them by on Robert Brown, in Old Aberdein, with certain others of the inhabitants assisting him, assemblit in armes, haveing order from the baillies of the said toune, wherewpon the said Thomas Mitchell and John Rosse, and the said Alex-

ander Charles, and the provest and baillies of this burghe for thair entres, finding the privileges of the burghe incroachit vpon and violatit be the said Old Toune inhabitants and ther baillies, meanit themselues to the Lords of Privy Counsell, and raised summonds against the said Old Toune baillies therfor, and for the said ryot, wherwpon letters of horneing and captioun haveing followit against them therin, it was earnestly supplicatit and humbly desyrit by ane reverend father in God, Dauid, Bishop of Aberdein, and by the baillies of the said Old Toune, Robert Broune and others his associats, that the said mater might be amicablie composit, and freinds for each partie micht be chosin for that effect; and for beter effectuating therof, did nominat Thomas Gordoun, shireff depute of Aberdein, and Mr Androw Moor, professor of medicine in the King's Colledge, their freinds and amicable compositors, wherwpon the magistrats and counsell being willing to settle freindlie with the said Old Toune for the said ryot, nowayes questioneing their vndoubted privileges, haue condiscendit to the said reverend father in God, and the said Old Toune their desyre, and for their part nominats and appoints ane reverend father in God, John bishop of Rosse, and Doctor James Leslie, principall of the New Colledge of Aberdein, freinds and amicable compositors for them in the said mater in so far as might concerne the said ryot and wrong done be the said Robert Broune, and be the saids baillies ordering them, with full power to them to meit with the freinds nominat be the said Old Toune, and to determine therin according as they sall find expedient, and ordaines ane submission to be drawin wp, and extendit theranent in the maner and for the forsaid effect, to be subscriuit be all parties haueing entres, promissing to stand and abyd at what they suld determine theranent.

4 Jan. 1663. — Submission entered into for settling differences with Old Aberdeen.

18 *February* 1663.

18 Feb. 1663. — £20 to Mr James Gordone.

The said day, the counsell tacking to consideratioun the great paines Master James Gordone, minister at Rothemay, hes beine at in drawing

18 Feb. 1663. — £20 to Mr James Gordone.

the draucht of this brughe and teritories therof, by way of card, with the discriptioun theroff, which now is perfittit and closit, ordaines tuentie punds sterlin of gold to be givin to him for his forsaids paines, and ordaines Gilbert Divy, master of mortificatiouns, to goe to Rothemay and delyver the samen to him, and to receave the discriptioun which is yit in his hands.

18 March 1663. — Warrand to the dean of gild.

18 *March* 1663.

The said day, the counsell appoints Thomas Mitchell, deane of gild, to pay to John Forbes, stationer, the sowme of ane hundreth merks Scotts money for his paines in printing certane musicall songs dedicat to the counsell.

10 June 1663. — Ane contract to be extendit betwixt the toun and master of gramar scooll.

10 *June* 1663.

The said day, the counsell tacking to consideratione that Mr John Forbes, professor of humanitie, wes electit master of gramar scooll of this burgh, and haid acceptit the said charge, and being desyrous and willing that the said Mr John suld haue ane competent provisione of mantenance, grants to the said Master John yeirlie the soume of two hundreth pundis Scotts money, to be payit be equall portions at Witsonday and Mertimes, beginand the first terms payment at Mertimes nixt to come, togidder with the hous and yard possest be Mr Alexander Straquhan, last master, or the soume of for mailling ane hous within this burgh to the said Mr John in his optione, and ordains ane contract to be extendit thervpon *ad vitam vel ad culpam*, with conditiones containit in the former contract past betuixt the toune and the said Mr Alexander Straquhan, beareing also speciall conditioun that each partie sall haue libertie to quyt others at Lambes 1666 yeirs.

24 *June* 1663.

24 June 1663.

The said day, the counsell ordains the deane of gild to pay to John Elsmer, ane distrest preacher in Polland, laitly come to this brught, the sowme of two hundreth merks Scotts money for his supplie.

16 *December* 1663.

16 Dec. 1663.

Act anent Quakers.

The said day, the counsell [ordains] Mr George Keith, Wm. Neper, skipper, and William Stuart, thrie traffiquying Quakers, to be conveyit out of the toune be the officers, with certificatione if they returne therto, againe to be conveyit be the hangman and punishit in thair bodies as the counsell sall find expedient, and ordains that no inhabitant within this brugh recept any of the forsaids persons or any such persons, in their houssis or families, or permitt any of thair meetings or conventicles therin, with certification to any that salbe fund to contraveine, that the master of the familie knowin to the said transgressions and countenanceing the samen sall pay to the deane of gild for ilk transgression in recepting as aforsaid, the particular fyns efter following, viz.: Ilk burges of gild thrie scor punds, ilk tradsman thretie punds, and ilk person of the meiner sort ten punds; and for ilk transgression anent meitings or conventicles, the sowme of fyve hundreth merks, *toties quoties*, as they sall be fund to contraveine, the master of the familie always haveing knowledge of any such meiting or conventione and accessarie therto, and ordains Alexr. Gelly to be convenit, and the acts of parliament and councell theranent intimat to him, and he desyrit to give obedience therto, vnder certificatione therin specifeit.

18 *January* 1664.

18 Jan. 1664.

Act anent haveing and selling of pudder in booths.

The said day, the counsell takeing to consideratione that ther predecessors, by former acts for the good and preservatione of this burghe, had appoynted and ordanit that no merchand within this burgh should

18 Jan. 1664.

Act anent haveing and selling of pudder in boothes.

haue any more pouder in ther booth but tuo pund weicht for the tyme, haue ratefied and approvine the said former act in the tenor and contents theroff abovewritten, and now as then ordaines that no merchand within this burgh, especiallie in the narrow wynds or narrow parts of the street, or wnder the Tolbuith, sall haue at on tyme more puder in ther booth bot at most two punds weicht, under paine of fourtie pund Scotis money to be payit to the dean of gild; and furder, ordaines that no puder be sold in any booth within this burgh wnder night with candle light, wnder paine of ane hundereth pund, to be payit be ilk persone contraveinand, and ordaines publicatione to be maid heirof by the drum through the haill streets of the toun, that non pretand ignorance.

2 March 1664.

Act ordaining the mercat croce to be made conforme to Edinburghe.

2 *March* 1664.

The said day, the counsell taking to consideratione that notwithstanding this burgh was ane of the most antient royall burghes of this kingdome, the mercat croce therof, which should be ane ornament therin, was farr inferior to many meaner burghes; therfor ordaines the deane of gild to cause make wp the mercat croce of the said burgh in the west end of the Castlegait, with hewin and cut stones, according to the stanse and forme of the mercat croce of the burgh of Edinburgh, and to cause bring home cut stones, and to do euerie thing requisite theranent.

23 March 1664.

Act for ane watch at the blockhous.

23 *March* 1664.

The said day, the counsell haveing informatione from his Maiesties Privie Counsell that the plague of pestilence was rageing in Holland, and withall ordering them to be cairfull that no shippes or goods arryued from thence at this port without dew tryall, ordaines to the effect this burght may be furder secureit and his Majesties counsell ther ordour observit, ane nightlie watch to be set at the Blockhous for taking notice of all shippes from Holland coming to this burghe.

23 *March* 1664.

23 March 1664.

Act ordaining entering freemen to present pick or muskit the tyme of their admissione.

The said day, the counsell for good considerationes moveing them, and to the effect the tounes magazine may be againe made wp, ordanes that all persones craveing the libertie of freemen, before they may be admittit therto, present in the high counsell hous of this burgh the particular armour following, viz.: Ilk entring burges of gild, ane sufficient muskett and bandileir, or ten pund therfor; and ilk entring tradsman, ane sufficient pick, or four pund therfor, and no admissione of them to be while the samen be done.

Eodem die.

Eodem die.

Act appointing commissioners to goe to Halforrest for mediatione with the noblemen anent the croves.

The said day, the counsell wnderstanding that the Earle of Marr and certaine wther noblemen and freeholders wpon the watter of Done ware with their associats convenit in armes, being about tuo thousand fyve hundereth men, horse and foott, at Kintor or Halforrest, for breacking downe the croves laitlie buildit and renewed vpon the water of Done, wherof this burghe was superior; therfor, to the effect accommodatione may be theranent, and the townes priviledges preserved, ordaines Gilbert Gray, provest, Mr Alexr. Davidson, advocat, with the clerk, to goe to Kintor, or the forrest, wher the said conventione is, and to offer to them all reasonable satisfactione of any supposed wrong in the said croves, if any sall be found, and to desyr that they wold not incroch wpon the townes priviledges, whervnto if they refuse to obtemper, to protest and take instruments wpon what lose or prejudice may follow vpon their illegal procedour and convocatione as aforsaid.

6 *April* 1664.

6 April 1664.

Ane pyper to goe through the toune.

The said day, the counsell grants libertie to Allexander Thomsone, pyper, to goe throug the towne with his pype at such tymes as the

6 April 1664.

Ane pyper to goe through the toune.

drummer goes with his drum, and that during the counsells pleasur, for which service he is to have such payment as wthers in the lyke imployment had before.

8 *June* 1664.

8 June 1664.

Act appoynting persons absent or removeing from the tounes defence to be fynit.

The said day, the counsell takeing to consideratione that the Earle of Marr with certaine wther noblemen and heritors wpone the water of Done, being convocat in armes about tuo thousand and fyve hundreth men, horse and foott, had come doune vpon Thursday last, the tuentie saxt day of this instant, and haveing brockin doune the croves vpon the watter of Done, belonging to severall inhabitants of this burgh, and the counsell for securitie of the burgh haveing appoyntit the inhabitants to be in armes within the toun for defence thereof in cace of any invasione through the said convocatione, many did absent themselues, and wthers did remove being once convenit; therefore ordaines all persones absent or removeing as aforesaid, to be convenit, and being convict, to be amerceit in the soume of fyve punds Scots money, ilk ane without exemptione to any, except vpon the account of sickness, or prior absence furth of the toune.

15 *June* 1664.

15 June 1664.

The meeting of burrowes to be informed of the breaking doun of the croves.

The said day, the counsell ordaines Alexr. Baillie thair commissioner, to signifie to the meeting of burrowes at Edinburgh, that the Earle of Marr, and certaine wther noblemen and freeholders wpon the water of Done, with ther associats and attenders had laitlie convocat in armes about tuo thousand and fyve hundereth men, horss and foott, and had come doune and violentlie brockin doune the croves vpon the water of Done belonging to the said burgh, and thereby incroched vpon the tounes privileges and liberties, they being superiors of the saids croves, and judges commissionat for cognosceing vpon and rectifieing of any abuses therein, and to desyre the burrowes ther assistance by money and moyen, for repeiratione of the said wrong, as being ane publict concernment.

14 *September* 1664.

14 Sept. 1664.

The heritors of the croves fishing to be maintained.

The said day the heritors of the cruves fishing, wpon the water of Done, haveing held out to the counsell that they ware wrongouslie troubled and molestit befor the Lords be the noblemen, barrones, and gentlemen, wpon the water of Done, in ther heretable legall rights and possessiones of the said croves, and therefor desyreing the counsell as their superiors to manteine and assist them in ther just rights and possessiones; the counsell haveing considderit the premisses, ordaines the heritours of the saids croves to be maintenit and assistit in thair said just and legall rights, and possessiones of the said croves, in quhatsumever actione may be intentit against them theranent; and ordaines ane letter to be wryt to baillie Alexr. their commissioner at Edinburgh, for imploying the touns advocats and agents for that effect.

Eodem die.

Eodem die.

The counsells letter for seising on Dutch shippes.

The said day, the provest presentit to the counsell ane letter from the Lords of his Maiesties Privie Counsell, daitit at Edinburgh the secund day of this instant monethe, for the affect after specifeit, which being read in counsell, the tenour thereof is as follows:—Loveing friends, in obedience to the Kings order sent to ws for seising on all Dutch veshellis within any harbors within this kingdome, we requyre yow immediately vpon sight heirof, that ye seise upon all and ewerie Dutch veshellis lyand within your ports and harbors, and that yow take thair ruthers and saills from them till furder ordor, whereof we expect ane speedie accompt from yow: Lykwayes his Maiestie is gracouslie pleased in ordor to your saffitie and preservatione from hazard, to ordane intimatione to be gevin to all whom it may concerne, not to send out any shipes till convoyes be provydit, whereoff we thocht fitt to guie yow notice and tymeous warning, and prevent any prejudice you may suffer. By Dutch veshellis yow are to wnderstand onlie veshellis belonging to the Vnited provinces. We rest

14 Sept 1664.

The counsells letter for seising on Dutch shippes.

your loveing friends, *sic subscribitur.* Alexr. Glascuensis, Montrose, Linlithgow, Tweedalle, Hackertoun, Bellenden, J. Gilmour, A. Primrose, Jo. Nisbet, Ch. Maitland. Direct thus—For the provest and baillies of Aberdein. In obedience to the which order, the magistrats and counsell haveing instentlie causit make search at the port and harbor, fand no shippes within the samen at present belonging to the states of the Vnited provinces, and appoynted speedie returne to be giuen therof to his Maiesties counsell, which was accordinglie done.

23 Nov. 1664.

Act anent the doctor of the musick schooll.

23 *November* 1664.

The said day, the counsell takeing to consideration that Wm. Forbes, present doctor of the musick schooll of this burgh, had thir severall yeirs bygane done good service in the said schooll for instructione of the inhabitants children of this burgh and wthers, as he had occasion, to the contentment of the counsell and wthers interestit, and that not withstanding therof, Thomas Davidsone, present maister of the said schooll, did wrongouslie alledge that the said William Forbes was not his doctor, but that he had power and libertie to place ane doctor at his pleasure, and theropon did not grant to the said William such libertie and freedome in the said schooll for going about his charge as doctor as he desyreit and aught to have had, have therfor declairit and ordanit, and be thir presents ordaines and declaires the said William Forbes to be doctor of the musick schoole of this burgh, during his good service and the counsells pleasour, with power to him to intromett with and receave the ordinarie deus and schoollage as doctor aforsaid, and to teach and instruct the schollars and children of this burgh in the said schooll in playing and singing, and to doe euerie wther thing relateing to his charge and abilitie as doctor, both high and laich in the said schooll, alse weell the master being present as absent, as the said schollares of the said schooll stand in neid, and as may haue occation, whereanent this present to haue sufficient warrand.

21 *December* 1664.

21 Dec. 1664.

Act renewed against superfluous company at baptisms.

The said day, the counsell tacking to consideratioun that ther predicessors for good considderatiouns moveing them, by ther act had appoynted that no inhabitant within this burgh [of] whatsumever qualitie, rank or degree, should invite at any tyme any more persones to be witnesses to any of ther bairnes bot four men, and four weemen at most, and sex weemen to be imployit to convoy the bairne to and from the kirk wnder the payne of fourtie punds Scots, to be payed be ilk persone contraveining, and yet notwithstanding, the said act was much contravenit and abuseit to the prejudice of good ordor, and of many honest families and householders, in ther meanes, bodies and goods, therefore the counsell, in consideratione whereof have ratified and aproven the said former act . . . with certificatione to any who sall contraveine the premisses that they sall pay to the deane of gild of the burgh the soume of fourtie punds, *toties quoties* . . . and ordaines this act to be intimat from pulpit in both kirks, to the effect non pretend ignorance, which was accordinglie done.

Eodem die.

Eodem die.

Ordinance against the pews being occupied by servants and young children coming to church.

The said day, the counsell taking to consideratione that the pewes in the midle part of the old kirk was much abuseit and takine wp be servant women and wthers who had no right therto: therfor ordaines that no servant women sall enter within the tirlies or baras dores of the saids pewes, and that no inhabitants wyfe bring in her servant within the saids baras dores, with certificatione to all and everie on that sall contraveine, they sall pay to the deane of gild furtie shilling Scots, *toties quoties* . . . and also that no bairnes nor young children be brought to the kirk till they be capable to hear the Word and attend the ordinances; and ordaines this act to be intimat from pulpit, which was accordinglie done.

22 Feb. 1665.

The blockhous to be repaired, guns put thairon, and the toune to be in readines with armes.

22 *February* 1665.

The said day, the counsell vnderstanding that not onlie this coast, but also this burgh and harbour, through his Majesties ingadgment of warr with Holland, might possiblie be invadeit and molestit be the Hollanders; therefor, for better securitie thairanent, ordaines the deane of gild to causs repaire the blockhous, and put the samen in such good ordour as sall be found expedient, and that he borrow vpon hand from the owners of Johne Annand's shippe the four guns thairin, and cause put the samen wpon the blockhous, and ordanes the drum to goe through the toune for warneing the haill inhabitants to be in readines with sufficient armes vpon the first call and advertisment.

8 March 1665.

Anent the transportatioune to Edinburgh of this burghs proportion of seamen.

8 *March* 1665.

The said day, the counsell appoynts George Melvill, with Arthur Dalgardno, and Walter Innes, to receave at this burgh such number of seamen as ar heir securcit and provydit be the magistrats, and to convoy the samen to Edinburgh, and ther to receave from baillie Alexander, the tounes commissioner, alse money as sall make wp (the samen before haueing beine securcit thair be him) the number of fourtein as this burghs proportione imposit for his Maiesties present service at sea, and to delyuer the said haill number to his Maiesties commissioner, his grace, or others appoyntit for recept thereof, conforme to the instructiones to be given to them theranent be the magistrats; and that they receive sufficient discharges thereon, and to bring the samen with them; and ordanes the thesaurer or dein of gild to advance such moneyes as sall be neidfull for defraying of thair charges.

15 March 1665.

Anent the touns seamen absenting themselves.

all finding that non of the persones who did absent themselves had given appeirance, whairby they had incurrit the certification of ther former proclamation, which the counsell finds sua to be, and ordaines the samen to be observed in euerie poynt as is aboue written, with conditione alwayes that if they sall betwixt and the nixt counsall day present themselves to the magistrats, and find sufficient cautione, ilk one wnder the payne of fyve hundreth merks, that they sall appear when soeuer callit, and alse sall pay all and whatsomeuer charges the toune has beine at in furnishing ther said proportione, that then they sall incure no furder prejudice; and with all ordanes the dean of gild to cause sease vpon the brew loomes belonging to ilk one of the persones sua absenting themselues, ay and while the premisses be observed.

22 March 1665.

The toun to be put in ane postur of defence.

22 *March* 1665.

The said day, the provest producit before the counsell, the lords of secreit councell thair warrand and ordour for puting this burgh in ane defensive postur, wherof the tenour followes:—Wheras the magistrats of the burgh of Aberdein, wpon thair apprehensione of danger by the Dutch, did petition the Privie Counsell for a libertie to put themselves in ane posture of defence by buying of cannon, armes, and amounitione, wher they can be convenentlie furnished, the said toune being at present obnoxious to the violence and malice of the Hollanders; and the Privie Councell haweing remitted the bussines to me, and finding their desyre most reasonable, thase are therfor to give full power and libertie to the magistrats of Aberdein, to furnish themselves wpon the cost of the said toune, with all sorts of armes and amunitione fitt for that purpose of defending their toune, blockhous, and harbour mouth, and to put the inhabitants of the said toune wnder command of officers, that so there may be ordour among them when they sall be put to it; and for your so doeing this sall be ane sufficient warrand. Given wnder my hand, day and place forsaid, *sic subscribitur*, Rothes; daitit at Holiroudhous the sixteint day of March 1665,

29 March 1665.

James Fuird serjand depryved.

being desyred to take into his hous for ane short tyme ane poore man named Alexr. Donald, who being comeing throw the wall of the Tolbuith by ane holl which he and wthers did make therin, had brockine his back and on of his legs, he denyed to doe the samen, no not altho he should losse his coat; therfor, and alse finding the said James to be cairles and negligent in his office, haue depryvit, and be thir presents depryues him of his office of serjandrie within this burgh, and of all benefite and comoditie therof, and ordaines his coat to be instantlie takin from him, which was accordinglie done.

12 April 1665.

Discharge of the tounes proportione of seamen vroduceit.

12 *April* 1665.

The said day, the said George Melvill, with the wther persones appoynted for delyverie of the tounes proportione of seamen to his Maiesties commissioner at Edinburgh for his Maiesties service, haveing returned, made report of the said commission, and produceit discharge of the fourtein seamen furnished be this burgh as ther proportion for the forsaid effect, which report and discharge the counsell haveing hard, approved therof, and rendered the said George hartie thanks.

Eodem die.

Beg and Gawin, two fugitive seamen to be apprehendit.

Eodem die.

The said day, the councell taking to consideratione that Johne Beg and Johne Gawin, to seamen who did wndertake for the toune to goe on in his Maiesties service had made escape, ordaines them to be apprehendit, and imprisoned ay and whill they find sovertie wnder payne of fyue hundreth merks ilk ane, to compeir before the magistrats whensoever they sall be callit; and in the meanetyme depryves them of all freedom and libertie of brewing within this burgh; and also the councell ratifies and approves ane former act maid be thame of the dait the fyftent day of March last, anent seamen absenting themselves, in respect notwithstanding proclamationes conforme thairto, they did not giue appearance.

19 *April* 1665.

19 April 1665.

Anent the punishment of absents from the watch.

The said day, the counsell haveing appoynted for better preservatione of the burgh that ane watch should be keeped nightlie at the Blockhouse for fear of the Hollanders invasione, and finding that the number appoynted nightlie did not attend nor convein, ordaines ilk ane absent, being able, to pay fywe pund for ilk tyme, and such as are found absent wnable, to be tyed neck and heells before the guard be the tounes servands.

31 *May* 1665.

31 May 1665.

Libertie to the hamermen of ane hearse befoir ther loft.

The said day, anent the supplicatione given in to the councell be the deacone and hamermen trade of this burgh, desyring that they might have libertie grantit to them to hang wp befor and above the foir part of ther loft in the Old Church, ane bracine hearse, which wold not onlie tend for ther accomodatione but also for decorment of the church, and therfor desyring the councell to come and take inspectione of the premisses for the foirsaid effect, as in the supplicatione wes contenit: The councell haveing come to the said church and takine inspectione of the supplicants desyre, and being advysed therwith, have giuen and grantit, and be thir presents giues and grantis libertie to them to put wp and hang the said hearse abowe and before the foir part of ther said loft for ther better accomodatione.

21 *June* 1665.

21 June 1665.

Anent the solemnitie for the victorie of his Maties navie.

The said day, the councell haveing receaved suir informatione of the happie and much desired victorie of his Majesties navie against the Hollanders, and of the wonderfull preservatione of his Highnes the Duke of York, to the effect they may as in deutie bund testifie thair joy therfor, ordaines the haill bells of the toune to be rung for ane considerable tyme in the most joyfull maner that can be, and that bonfyres be sett doune throw the streetts of the toune.

5 July 1665.

Ane day of thanks-giving for the happie victorie of his Maiesties navie.

5 *July* 1665.

The said day, the councell haveing receaved the Lords of his Maiesties Privie Counsell ther ordour and warrand appoynting ane day of thanks-giving to be keeped and solemnized throughout the kingdome wpon the thritenit day of this instant, being Thursday, for the happie victorie of his Majesties navie against the Hollanders, and wonderfull preservatione of his Highnes the Duke of Yorke; therfor to the effect this burgh may not be deficient in such ane so much desyred work, bot may testifie ther thankfulnes therfor with wther his Maiesties subjects and royall burghs, ordaines sermones suitable to the day to be made in both kirks of the said burgh be the ministers therof in the foir and after noones, and therafter that bonefyres be put on throw the haill streets of the toune, and the rest of the day to be spent as becomes.

5 Aug. 1665.

No ships to enter the harbour without trial.

2 *August* 1665.

The said day, the counsell ordaines the watch at the Blockhous to be dischargit, and recomends to the magistrats to desyre Johne Andersone, in Torrie, to take cair that no shippes enter the harbour without tryall and whill first the magistrats be acquaint.

31 Aug. 1665.

Money collected for the distressed Protestants in Poland to be paid.

31 *August* 1665.

The said day, Mr Johne Elshinder, ane of the distressit Protestants in Polland, haveing presentit to the counsell the Lords of Privie Counsell ther warrand direct to the magistrats of this burghe, relatiue to ane former act and recommendatione of the said Lords, ordaineing them to pay to him the collectione made be this burgh in the yeir of God j^{m} vi^{c} fiftie aught, for releife of the distressit Protestant Churches in Polland; for obedience wheronto, ordaines the thesaurer to pay to him the soume of four hundreth three scoir aughtein pund aught shilling aught pennies Scots money,

which was the haill soume the said collectione did amount to, with the soume of ane hundereth fyve pund aught shilling aught pennies of annual rentis, accressit be the good improvement of the samen, wheranent the said Mr Johne his recept, with the saids two acts, to be warrand to the said thesaurer; and in respect that the soume of of the samen soume is restand be the collector of the kirk sessione, ordaines the thesaurer to get in the samen with the restand annuelrents therof, and delyver vp the band therfor; and further, in respect the said Mr Johne is restand severall sowmes to certane inhabitants of this burgh for his aliment and mantenance, ordaines Johne Scott, baillie, Walter Robertsone, Gilbert Durie, and George Melvill, to pervse and take notice of the sowmes to the inhabitants, and to take ane accompt therof, and cair that the samen be payit.

31 August 1665. — Money collected for the distressed Protestants in Poland to be paid.

6 *September* 1665.

6 Sept. 1665. — Captan Woodwart his house and familie to be vnder guard.

The said day, the counsell understanding that Captaine Woodwart come from Northwitch and wther places in England, which might be suspectit of the infectione, haveing no testificat bot onlie from Northwitch, which was of ane old dait; and not haueing made intimatione to his Majesties counsell in Scotland of his aryvell, conforme to order, apoints his houss and familie to be sequestrat and closit vp for fourtie dayes tyme, and ane guard to be put thairto wpon his owin expenssis.

Eodem die.

Eodem die. — A ship from Gravesend refused admittance from suspicion of plague.

The said day, ane shipe callit , whereof Skinner was master, haveing come from Gravsend with Londone and Inglish comodities, and being desyrous to enter this harbour, was refused to be acceptit in respect of his Majesties proclamatione in the contrar, and that it wes feired that the comodities therin was suspicious of the infectione of the plague of pestilence.

13 Sept. 1665.

Anent ane Inglish frigots arryvell.

13 *September* 1665.

The said day, the counsell understanding that ane Inglish frigott haveing come to this road, and being desyrous to come in to the harbour for reparatione, being laick[ing], and certane of the magistrats at the counsellis appoyntement haveing gone to the said shipe in the road for taking of the captaine and shouldiers oathes that they had been in no suspect place, and they haveing accordinglie gon, did make report that the captaine and wthers in the said shipe did solemlie sweare that for sex weeks bygone they had beine in no suspect place, wherupon the councell being advysit, ordaines that if the said shipe sall arryue in this harbour, that ane able guard be put on both the sydes of the water for keeping in the persones therof, to the effect non may incure prejudice dureing her aboade her.

27 Sept. 1665.

Additional ground allowed to the tacksman of the loch.

27 *September* 1665.

The said day, anent the supplicatione given in to the counsell be Walter Melvill, taxman of the loche of this burgh, mentioning that wher it wes sufficiently known that he had bein at vast charges and expenssis in drying and wineing in of the said loch, and that notwithstanding he wes obleidgit to pay ane great duetie therfor, yet the saids bound being [ ] and come in, the samen wes not able to make out the said duetie; and seing that at the tyme of his ingadgement therwith, it was promised by your predecessors that he sould haue reasonable incouragement theranent; and also seing ther was ane peice wast bounds at the west part of the said loch, neir to the comone hie way going from the toune to the bark mill, therfor desyring the counsell for his beter improvement of the said loch and peyment of the said duetie, to be pleasit to grant to him dureing his tack of the said loch, the libertie of the samen for making vp ane duelling house for ane tenement, with ane barne for corneing and thressing of the saids cornes, and of ane litle corne yeard, for accommodatione and preservation of the samen, as in the supplicatione wes con-

10 Jan. 1666.

Report anent the tryall of Mr Alex. Innes.

Innes, sone to the laird of Tibbertie, might be admitted to ane vacant place of doctor of gramer school of this burgh, conforme to the said deceast doctor his mortificatione made theranent, and the counsell considering that by the said mortificatione, the tryall and qualificatione of the masters to be in the said schooll was committit to two of the ministers of this burgh to be nominat by the counsell, and to the principall and regents of the colledge, who being solemnlie sworne in presence of the counsell, should testifie the persone presentit ane or mae to be worthie, learnit and qualified for such ane place; the counsell did remitt the said Mr Alexr. to Master John Menzies, professor of divinite, and Master George Meldrum, minister of this burgh, to be tryed be them to the effect and in manner abowe written; lykeas after tryall of the said Mr Alexr., compeirit the said Mr Johne Menzies and Mr George Meldrum in presence of the counsell, and declarit before God that they haueing takin tryall of the abilittes and qualificatione in literature, and learning of the said Mr Alexr. Innes, conforme to the counsells appoyntment abowe written, they did find him qualified and able to exerce the office and charge of ane of the four masters of the said gramer scool, conforme to the said defunct his mortificatione.

16 *January* 1666.

16 Jan. 1666.

Warrand to the master of mortificationes anent Mr Alex. Innes.

The said day, the counsell with consent of the friends and relationes of Mr Patrick Dune, doctor of medicine, appoynts Gilbert Black, maister of mortificationes, to pay to Mr Alexr. Innes threescoir pundis money for his attendence on the gramer scool, from Martimes last to Witsonday next to com, and that out of the moneyes belonging to the mortificationes of the said deceist Mr Patrick Dune, quheranent the saids presenttis to be warrand.

Eodem die.

Eodem die.

Act in favors of Johne Gormack.

The said day, the counsell taking to consideratione that their predicessers be ther act, of the dait the tuelt day of August, on thousand sex

16 Jan. 1666.

Act in favors of Johne Gormack, giving him the dues of baptisms and lyke-wakes.

hundereth threescoir three yeirrs, did for the beter incouragement and mantinaunce of John Gormack, scool master of the Inglish scool, and reader of the Old Kirk in this burgh, ordaine and appoynt the sum of tuo hundreth pounds Scots money, to be peyit to him yeirly be equall portions at Witsonday and Mertimes, wherof ane hundereth and thirttie merks money to be peyit be the maister of kirkwark, and of the kirkwark rentis, and ane hundereth merkes be the thesaurer out of the tounes comone good, and three scoir ten merks be Thomas Davidsone, as of the benefits of the baptisms injoyit be him, which in the haill made vp the said sowme of tuo hundereth punds money, and did therby declare that incaise the said Thomas Davidsone sall faill in the payment of three scoir ten merks termly, that then it should be leisame and lawfull to the said John, to intromit with and uptake the haill quarters dutie of baptisms from the persones lyable therfor, and to apply the samen to his awin wse without compt or reackoning, as the said act at lenth bears; lykeas the said John Gormack, thorrow the said Thomas his defitiencie of peyment of the said threescoir ten merks, haveing intromettit with and uptakin the dues of the baptisms within this burgh from the persones lyable therfor for ane certane tyme bygone, and haveing giuen in to the councill his accompt therof wnder his hand, it was fund that the saids baptisms did not extend to the vallow which befor they had been esteemed at, wherthrow the said Thomas Davidsone could not haue ane competent sallarie and alse pay the said threescoir ten merkes yeirlie to the said Johne Gormack; lykeas it being signified to the counsell be the said Thomas Davidsone, that if they wold be pleasit to grant him some competent means of subsistence for his service, that he sould be content that the benefits of the saids baptisms sould lie at ther disposall, the counsell having takin the premisses to consideratione, and having by ther act of the dait of thir presents setled ane mantinance competent wpon the said Thomas, in maner specifeit in the said act, haue given and grantit, and be thir presentis gives and grants to the said Johne Gormack the haill collections and benefits of baptisms within this burgh from his entrie therto, which is heirby de-

16 Jan. 1666.

Act in favors of Johne Gormack.

clarit to be, and begine at and wpon the fourteint day of December last bypast, with full power to him to mell, intromet with, and vptake the ordinarie rentes and dewes appoyntit or to be appoyntit be the counsell to be peyit theranent, from all and ewrie persone within this burgh lyable therfor, and to call follow and persew therfor as sall be neidfull, and that in leiw and compensatioune to the said John, of all that he may ask or crave for the said tuo hundereth punds appoyntit to be yeirlie peyit to him, conforme to the said former act or be virtue of the samen, or any clause or conditioun therof; in satisfactione wherof the said Johne heirby excepts this present act and benefite aforsaid; and furder, the counsell for the said Johne his better encouragement, freelie bestowes vpon him the benefite of all lykwaks he sall be imployit at within this burgh, and that by and attour the foirsaid benefite grantit to him by this present act, declareing alwayes this present act to continow and have force and effect dureing the counsells pleasur allenerlie, with condition alwayes, that if the counsell of this burgh sall at any tyme heirafter dispose otherwayes on the benefites of the saids baptisms during the said Johne his service of scooll master and reader, that he sall be reponit to the said soume of tuo hundereth punds peyit to him, conforme to the said former act, and to the haill benefite of the said act, incace forsaid and no wtherwayes, during his said service as said is.

16 Jan. 1666.

Act in favors of Thomas Davidsone, master of the music school, for a salary to him.

16 *January* 1666.

The said day, the counsell taking to consideratione that ther predicessors by ther act of the dait of the tuelt day of August j^{m}. vi^{c}. threescoir three yeires, did ordaine Thomas Davidsone, master of musick school of this burghe, to pey to Johne Gormack, reader, yeirlie threescoir and ten merkes Scots money, af of the baptisms and benefite therof injoyit be him, at the termes of Witsonday and Mertimes, to make wp his sallarie mentionat in the said act, and incace of not termlie peyment, did therby give power to the said Johne to intromit with the benefite of the saids baptisms, ay and whill he were peyit of what should be restand vpon ther

forsaid accompts be the said Thomas, as the said act at lenth bears; and the said Thomas haveing meanit himself to the counsell that he wes not able to pey the said soume of threescoir ten merkes yeirlie to the said Johne Gormack, and have ane competent lyvelihood to himselfe for his service, and that he was content that the benefite of the saids baptisms should be disposit wpon at ther pleasur, he being alwayes provydit to ane competent sallarie; and the counsell by ther act of the said dait of thir presents, haveing disposit wpon the saids baptisms to the said Johne Gormack, haue for the said Thomas Davidsone his better incouragement and deutifull discharge of his service for tyme to come, given and grantit, and be thir presents gives and grants to him during his present service within this burgh, the soume of two hundereth and fiftie merkes Scots money, to be peyit yeirlie, be equal portions at Witsonday and Mertimes, beginning the first terms peyment at Witsonday nixt, according to the divisions and severall office bearers underwrittin, viz., be the thesaurer the soume of threescoir thretteine pund sex shilling aucht pennies yeirlie out of the tounes commone good, and be the master of kirkwark four scoir threttein pund sex shilling aught pennies money forsaid yeirlie out of the rents of the kirkwark, which in all makes wp the said two hundreth and fyftie merkes, and that in full satisfactioun to him of all he may ask or crave during his said service, except the scollage of the schoolars, and the benefite of any lykwakes he sall be imployit in, which he hath by and attour the said sallarie; and ordaines the thesaurer and master of kirkwark for the tyme to pey to him yeirlie the forsaids proportions; and thir presents, with his receipt, to be warrand yeirlie for instructing ther accompts, and allowing the samen therin *pro tanto*.

16 Jan. 1666. — Act in favors of Thomas Davidsone.

21 *February* 1666.

21 Feb. 1666. — Act anent the inlargement of the high counsell house.

The said day, the counsell, for good considerationes moveing them, ordaines the high counsell house of this burgh to be inlargeit and repaired for the better decorment of the toune, and accommodatione of these who

21 Feb. 1666.

Act anent the in-largement of the high counsell house.

may happine to resort thairto, by the advyce of the magistrats, with Alexr. Charles, William or George Scotts, wrights, as salbe found expedient, and what charges sallbe expent theron, the samen to be allowit in the dean of gild his accompts.

11 April 1666.

Act against disturbers of divyne worship.

11 *April* 1666.

The said day, the counsell takeing to consideratione that many persones, inhabitants of the burgh, did walk and discours in the isles of the Old and New Churches of the samen in tyme of divine worship, which did not onlie prejudge themselves of the benefite thereof, but also scandalizit and disturbit the congregatione: therfore for remead thereof, ordaines and appoints that no persone whatsumever walk or discourse in any of the isles of the churches of this burgh in tyme of reading of the word or wther divyne worshipe, with certificatione to any who sall be found to contraveine, that they sall pay fourtie shilling Scots money to the dean of gild of this burgh, by and attour further punishement to be imposit vpon them as the magistrats sall find expedient.

2 May 1666.

None to be buried in coffins of wainscot or oak.

2 *May* 1666.

The said day, the counsell, for guid considerationes moveing them, statutes and ordaines that in tyme comeing no defunct persones of this burgh sall be buried in wanscot or oacken coffins, ather in the kirk or kirk yeard, with certificatione to all who sall contraveine, that they sall pey fourtie pund Scotis money to the master of kirkwark, *toties quoties.*

Eodem die.

Act anent the pryce of ringing of bells at burialls.

Eodem die.

The said day, the counsell for good considerations moveing them, ordaines all persones within this burgh, of whatsumever rank, qualitie, or degree, who sall imploy the bells in the Church or Tolbuith to be soundeit

at the buriall and interment of ther defunct persons, to pay therfor at the buriall of ilk defunct persone tuentie punds Scots money, whereof fyftein punds to the master of kirkwark for the wse therof, and fyve pund to the thesaurer for the wse of the thesaurarie, excepting alwayes furth and frae the present act all and sindrie magistrats for the tyme, and such who have enjoyed the office of provestrie, who are nowayes vnderstood to be includit therin.

2 May 1666.

Act anent the pryce of ringing of bells at burialls.

6 *May* 1666.

6 May 1666.

The said day, the counsell ordanes the dean of gild to take wp ane exact list and accompt of the muskits and picks in the tounes magazine, and due to be given in be entrants, and that he sall not lend nor sell any of the said muskets to any persone quhatsumever wnder the pryce of 20 lib. ilk muskit.

Ordour to the dean of gild for taking ane accompt of the musketes and pickis.

16 *May* 1666.

16 May 1666.

The said day, the counsell for good considerationes moveing them, ordanes the haill inhabitants fensible persones, to muster and conveine in armes in the Links, wpone the tuentie two day of this instant moneth, being Thursday, and for ther better ordouring theranent, nominatis and appoyntis the captaines and commanders following for the respective quarters of this burgh as after mentionat, viz.:—Futtie quarter Thomas Merser, lait dean of gild, captaine; for the grein quarter, Francis Andersone, captaine; for the crucked quarter, Arthur Dalgardno, captaine; and for the evin quarter George Melvill, captaine, and appoynts Walter Innes, Johne Gordone, Thomas Robertsine, and Alexr. Burnett, Buchans leivtennents, for the saids respective quarters wnder the saids captaines, and Robert Gray, James Robertsone, Mr Thomas Forbes, and Robert Collisine, ensigne bearers, with power to the said captaines to constitute and appoynt serjeands as they sall find expedient.

The inhabitants to muster on the links.

23 May 1666.

Warrand to the dean of gild to buy up the powder in the town.

23 *May* 1666.

The said day, the counsell for better provisione of this burgh in thir dangerous tymes, ordanes the dean of gild to caus buy the haill pouder in the toune, and to put the samen in the tounes magicine, to be furthcumand for ther vse at ane ordinarie rait incace of any invasione.

30 May 1666.

Renewed order for building the market cross.

30 *May* 1666.

The said day, the counsell ordaines the deane of gild to cause bring home hewn stones, and to make vp the mercat croce of this burgh in decent maner, conforme to ane former act laitlie maid theranent, and what charges sall be deburseit thereon the samen to be allowit in his accompts.

20 June 1666.

Anent ane watch at the blockhous.

20 *June* 1666.

The said day, the counsell taking to consideratione that ther feares of the enemies invasion was daylie increasing, therfor to prevent prejudice and for ther better preservatione, ordanes ane watch to be established at the blockhous nightlie, consisting of tuentie four men to be furnished and provydeit with pouder and ball, and euerything necessar as should be found convenient; and that all persones sall giue ther personall appearance and attendance therat, except the present magistrats, dean of gild and thesaurer, and such as haue borne office of magistracie and deans of gild, and old men of three-scoire yeires of age, who are incace of inabilitie of meanes permittit to send out able men in ther vice, and the Futtie quarter to begin, and that they conveine at aught houres at night, and come of at sex houres in the morneing, and the said watch to take its beginning on Fryday nixt.

4 *July* 1666.

4 July 1666.

The said day, the counsell ordaines the dean of gild to buy for the tounes vse fyve gunnes of about fyve or sex pund of ball, and what he deburses theron the samen to be allowit in his accompts.

Warrand to the dean of gild to buy five guns.

Eodem die.

Eodem die.

The said day, the counsell considdering that the ministeris of this burghe had signified that ane dyet for celebratione of the sacrament of the Lordis Supper was verie convenient to be made known to the people, therfor appoynts the first day of August nixt to be the first dyet, and that ane day of fasting be observit . . . wpon the Thursday befor, and that the samen be signified to the ministeris, to the effect they may intimat the samen to the people.

Anent the communione, and the fixing a time for it.

15 *August* 1666.

15 Aug. 1666.

The said day, the counsell ordaines the great gunnes to be brought from the toune of St Johnstoun for the vse of this burgh, at such raite as the samen can be convenientlie had, and recomends to the provest and Captaine John Andersone to make bargane thairfor, and receave the samen, and what they due therin the counsell to hold firme and stabile.

Warrand to the provest and Capt. Anderson anent the buying of gunnes.

22 *August* 1666.

22 Aug. 1666.

The said day, it being signified and held out to the counsell by the provest, that his Maiestie and counsell had emittit proclamatione for ane day of thanksgiving to be keepit thorrowout this kingdome wpon the thrittie of this instant, for ane happie victorie over the Dutches and other his Maiesties forraigne enemies, therfor, in order thervnto ordaines the

Anent the day of thanksgiving for the victorie over the Dutches.

22 Aug. 1666.

Anent the day of thanks-giving for the victorie over the Dutches.

thrittie of this instant, being Thursday, to be accordinglie observit, and that Mr Johne Menzies, professor, and Mr George Meldrum, minister, to be desyrit to make sermones in both churches for the forsaid effect, and that bon fyres be put on thorrow the haill streets of the toune about fyve houres at night, in further testimonie of rejoyceing theranent.

22 Aug. 1666.

Theses dedicated to the council by one of the College Regents to be paid for.

22 *August* 1666.

The said day the counsell wnderstanding that the Theses put out by the Regent, who did lauriat the scollaris of the colledge this yeir, was dedicat to the provest, baillies, and counsell, therfor for defraying ane part of the charge therof, ordaines the dean of gild to pay the printing of the said Theses to the printer, and paper therof, wheranent thir presents to be warrand for allowing the samen in his accompts.

3 Oct. 1666.

Warrand to the thesaurer anent two gunes.

3 *October* 1666.

The said day, the counsell ordaines two great gunnes, bought be Captaine John Anderson from the burgh of Dundie, to be brought to this burgh and payit according to the aggreement made be him theranent, and ordaines the thesaurer, be the advyce of the magistrats, to goe about the said bussines and to prosecute the samen as sall be found expedient.

17 Oct. 1666.

Warrand to the dean of gild for the purchase of cannon.

17 *October* 1666.

The said day, the counsell ordaines Walter Robertsone, dean of gild, to wryte to Londone to Androw Skeine, and desyre him to buy for the vse of this burgh four cannons, with pouder and ball and cariages, as the magistrats sall appoynt, tuo of them of four pund ball and tuo of sex pund ball, and what he deburses theron the samen to be allowit in his accompts.

7 *November* 1666.

7 Nov. 1666.

Anent buying of six cannone bought from the Earl Marischal at Inverugie.

The said day, the provest haveing held out to the counsell that Doctor James Leslie and Captaine Johne Andersone had, at the magistrats desyre, gone to the Earle Marshall to Inverugie, and made aggreement with him for sex cannons for the vse of this burgh, and had drawin ane minute be way of contract theranent, quherby the said Earle disponed to them sex irone cannone with their cariages, with thrittie ball to ilk gune, as the samen ware lying in the harbour of Peterheid, to be transportit therfrom to the shore of this burgh with all conveniencie, and the said Earle to pay the fraucht therof, and to warrand saill therof at all hands, for which the said Doctor James Leslie, and the said Johne Andersone, ware obleidgait in name of the toune to pay to the said Earle auchtein hundered merks Scots money, within fourtie aucht houres after the arryvall of the saids cannone with ther materiallis at the shoare of the said burgh, and to carie all sea hazard in transporting of the samen, conforme to the minute drawine up and subscryveit be both parties theranent; which being red befor the counsell, the provest desyrit if they wold approve of the samen; which the counsell having hard and considerit, approves therof, and ordaines the samen to be accomplished for the part of this burgh, and obleidges them to releive the said Doctor James Leslie, and Captaine Johne Andersone of ther said vndertaking, and of all that may follow theron, and renderit them hartie thanks for ther guid seruice.

11 *November* 1666.

11 Nov. 1666.

Harbour to be built at the new clouse.

The said day, the counsell finds it convenient to make vp and build at the clouse of the new shore of this burgh, ane place of saffitie for shipes within the said clouse, and remitts the maner therof, and defraying of the expenssis, to forder consideratione.

19 Dec. 1666.

Anent the establishment of a foot post to and from Edinburgh

19 *December* 1666.

The said day, the councell nominats and appoynts Gilbert Gray, provest, Robert Forbes, Thomas Mitchell, baillies, Walter Robertsone, dean of gild, and John Rosse, lait thesaurer, to meit with John Waillis, burges of this burgh, and treit, setle, and aggree with him anent the establishing of ane fute post to and from Edinburgh, and to cause extend and subscryve contract theranent, and what they doe therin the counsell promises and obleidges them to hold firme and stable.

Eodem die.

The price of cannon borrowed from the Bridge of Dee and Don monies.

Eodem die.

The said day, the councell ordaines the thesaurer to borrow from the master of kirkwark one hundred punds sterling of the bridge of Dee and Done moneyes, for paying the sex jrone cannone, with ther furnitur and materialls, latlie bought from the Earle Marischall, and to grant band therfor in ordinarie maner, wheranent thir presents to be warrand.

23 Jan. 1667.

Act anent the pryce of wanscott coffins.

23 *January* 1667.

The said day, the councell considering that ther predicessors, be ther act of the dait the second day of May last bypast, had ordaneit that no defunct persons should haue any wanscott or aikine coffines, wnder the paine of fourtie pund each persone sua contraveinand, yet nevertheless if any sould be sua desyrous, appoynts the pryces of the said wanscott or aikin coffines of defunct persons to be as is vnderwritten, viz.: Ilk wanscott or aikin coffine for men or weemen of age, buried in the kirks of this burgh, to pay for the said coffine tuentie punds Scots money, by and attour payment of thair lair: *Item*, ilk man or woman buried in the church yeard to pay for the forsaid coffines ten punds money forsaid, by and attour payment also of thair lair: *Item*, children to pay for the said coffines proportionally according to the payment of their laires, and that respectiuelie by and attour the samen laires.

23 *January* 1667.

23 Jan. 1667.

Contract for establishing a foot post between Aberdeen and Edinburgh.

Followes the contract betuixt the magistrats and Johne Waillis anent the setleing of ane fute post, which being red in presence of the counsell, they approveit therof, and ordaneit the samen to be insert in the counsell book, *ad futuram rei memoriam.*

At Aberdein, the day of Januar. j^m vi^c thre scoir sevin yeirs, it is aggreit and condescendit wpon betuixt the prouest, baillies, dean of gild, and thesaurer of the said burgh under subscryveing, for themselues and in name of the councell of the samen on the ane part, and Livetennent Johne Wailles, burges of the said burgh, on the other part, in maner, forme, and to the effect after following, towitt, the saids provest, dean of gild, and thesaurer, for themselues and in name forsaid, haue giuen and grantit, and be thir presents giue and grants to the said Livetennent John Walles, full libertie and power to setle and erect ane constant correspondant and fit post from the burgh of Aberdein to the burgh of Edinburgh, of tuo weeklie returns, towitt, Thusday and Thursday in the afternoons, and of ane constant weeklie dispatch from the said burgh of Aberdein to Edinburgh, vpon Wednesday and Fryday, at three houres in the afternoone in the winter tyme, and sex houres in the afternoone in the summer tyme, wind and weather serveing; and that for the haill space and tyme of sevin yeires from his entrie therto, which is to be and begine at the terme of nixt to come, vpon the conditions and limitations eftermentionat, with full power to him to exact and vplift from all and everie persone by whom he sall be employed for the forsaid effect, the rates following, viz.: For ilk single letter being vnder ane sheet of paper, two shilling Scots money: *Item*, for ilk double letter, four shilling Scotis money, not exceeding tuo sheet of paper; and for the vnce of ilk packet fyue shilling money forsaid: Lykeas the saids provest, baillies, dean of gild, and thesaurer, for themselues and in name forsaid, bind and obleidges them and their successors in their respectiue offices, to keepe and mantein the said Leivtennent Johne Waillis in the peaceable possessione of the said libertie

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and licence dureing the tyme abouewrittin, without any trouble or molestation; for the which libertie and licence aforsaid, the said Leivtennent Johne Waillis, binds and obleidges him, his aires, executores, and successors, to export and delyuer at Edinburgh all letters and papers belonging to the magistrats and councell of the said burgh of Aberdein he sall be imployit in, and that freelie, without payment of any sallarie therfor, weeklie and yeirlie, according as is abouewritten, dureing the first fyve yeires of the said licence; and for the two last yeires therof to export and turne the samen to and from the said burghe sicklyke without payment of any duetie therfor, and that for all maner of duetie that may be craveit for the samen dureing the said tyme: And furder, ths saids provest, baillies, dean of gild, and thesaurer, for themselues and in name forsaid, binds and obleisses them to pay to him for ilk packet and single letter *respectiue*, that sall be returneit from Edinburgh to the counsell or magistratis of the said burgh, sex shilling money forsaid, according to the ordinarie custome theranent, and that for the first fyue yeires allenerlie: And it is condiscendit betuixt the saids parties, that notwithstanding of the forsaid libertie and tollerence of sevin yeirs acceptit be the said John Waillis in maner forsaid, yet he is, and sall be, onlie obleidgeit be vertew therof to keepe and enjoy the samen for the space of tuo yeares immediatlie after his said entrie therto; and if efter expyreing of the said tuo yeires he find himselfe to be ane loser, and that he is not able longer to goe about the samen without his owin prejudice, that then, be makeing intimatione therof to the councell of the said burghe for the tyme, before three moneths before expyreing of the last yeir of the said two yeirs, it sal be leisome to him to quyte and giue ouer to them the said imployment, and to be no furder lyable therfor, and from then furth thir presents to be null; and if it sall pleas God to call him by death before expyreing of the saids two yeirs, that then his relict or bairnes sall not after his deceise be obleidgit to goe about the said imployment except in their owin optione: And siclyke, the saids provest, baillies, dean of gild, and thesaurer, for themselues and in name forsaid, obleissis thame and ther forsaids to cause restraine all

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extranier and former tounes posts to scaff or carie letters from this burgh, and to make prohibitione and intimatione to the inhabitants of the burghe therof, except such as sal be hyred and sent vpon urgent and expres occasione, who ar to have no other letters or papers bot what they are hyred for by expres: As also that the said Leivtennent Johne Wailles, dureing the tyme of his ingadgement of the said imployement, be vertew of thir presentis sall be altogether exonered and fred of cess and taxatione for any excressant profitis he may haue thairby, and of all quartering of soiours in cace any sal be: Morover, the said Leivtennent Johne Wailles binds and obleidges him to furnish the magistratis and councell with the weeklie diurnell and newesletters at ilk return, for which last oblidgment, they, for themselues and in name forsaid, bind and oblidges them and ther forsaids, not onlie for his due performance therof, but also for his furder incouragement anent the premisses, to pay to him yeirlie the soume of fyue punds sterling money dureing his said imployement therin, at or before Michaelmes yeirlie, beginnand the first yeires payment at or before Michaelmes nixt to come: And finallie, the said Leivtennent Johne Wailles binds and obleidges him saitlie to export and returne all letters and papers committed to his trust to and from the said burgh of Edinburgh weeklie, at the dyats abouewrittin, wind and weather serving, vnder the payne of aue thousand punds Scotis money forsaid, to be payit be him to the provest, baillies, and counsell of the said burghe for the tyme, by and attour recouerie of any letters or papers that sal be lost or neglectit in his or any intrusted by him ther defaults; and for the more securitie, the saids parties consents to the registratione heirof in the books of counsell and sessione, or in any vther judges bookes competent within this kingdome, to haue the strenth of aue decreit therof, that letters and executorialls may passe theron vpon sex dayes, and constitutes

ther procurators be thir presents: Writen be Andrew Bird in Aberdein, and subscryveit with ther hands, day, yeir, and place forsaid, befor witnesses, Mr James Kennedie, toune clerk of the said burgh, and Alexr. Bruce, notar publict. *Sic subscribitur*, Gilbert Gray,

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provest, R. Forbes, baillie, Alexr. Alexander, baillie, Thomas Mitchell, baillie, Walter Robertson, deane of gild, Robert Skeen, thesaurer, Jo. Wells, Mr J. Kennedy, witnes, Al. Bruce, witnes.

Act of Privie Council for establishing a Post Office at Aberdeen.

Followes the act of His Maiestie Prvie Councell for erection of the Post Office of Aberdein, which is ordanit to be insert in the councell books *ad futuram rei memoriam.*

Att Edinburgh the last day of January j^m vi^c and sixtie sevin yeires, anent a petition presented be the magistrates of Aberdein, shewing that the petitioners haveing had long experience of the prejudice sustenit not onlie by the said burgh of Aberdein, but also by the nobilitie, gentrie, and others in the countrie, who haue ther bussines to doe ther at Edinburgh, by the miscarrying of missive letters, and be the not tymous delyverie and receaveing returnes of the samen, and for remeid therof haveing been solicited by severall considerable persons in the country, and be many members of the colledge of justice, that such a constant profit might be established at Aberdein, as everie man might haue ther letters delyverit, and answers returned at certane dyats and tymes: the petitioners for furthering so good a work did, vpon ther own charges procure, a warrand from Patrick Grahame of Inchbrakky, his Maiesties Post Master Generall, to erect and establish ane post master, ane or mae, by horse or foott, to the effect above mentioned; and in pursurance therof haue conduceit with Leivtennant John Waillis, and by way of contract haue freelie and without any private advantage to themselves, granted him seuerall priviledges for his incouradgement to vndertake and performe the said office of post master: by the which contract the said Leivtennent John Waillis is to erect and setle a constant foott post from the said burgh of Aberdein to the burgh off Edinburgh, of tuo weeklie returnes, viz: Tuesday and Thursday in the afternoone, and of ane constant weekly dispatch from Aberdein to Edinburgh vpon Wednesday and Fryday weekly, and that everie single letter sall onlie pay tuo shilling Scots, everie double letter four shilling, and everie vnce of packett fyue shilling Scots money: humblie, therfore desyreing order and warrand micht be direct in maner and effect vnder-

written, the Lords of his Maiesties Privie Counsell haue dischargeit, and heirby discharges, all comone foott posts from carrying any letters to and frae Edinburgh and Aberdein, except such as salbe imployit be the said Leivteunant Johne Wailla, and doe heirby authorize him in the said office, and declaires that he or such others as salbe imployed be the said burgh of Aberdein, shall haue the only powar and priviledge of the samen vpon payment of the rates and pryces forsaids, provydit thir presents be nowayes prejudiciall to noblemen, gentlemen, and other persons, to send posts expresse about ther own affaires. Ext. per me, *Sic subscribitur*, Pet. Wedderburn.

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23 Jan. 1667. — Anent payment of the cannon bought from the Earl Marischal.

The said day, the councell ordaines the thesaurer to send south with Sir Johne Forbes of Watertoune, wpon the tounes hazard and expenssis, the soume of tuo hundereth ane pund three shilling fourtein pennies starling money, for payment to the Earle Marshall of the sex jrone cannons, with ther furnitour and materiallis, bought from him, and of ane quarters excyse wherin Bernard M'Kenzie is defitient in sua far as the samen may extend, wheranent thir presents with severall recepts theron to be warrand to said thesaurer, for allowing the samen in his accounts.

6 *March* 1667.

6 March 1667. — Money to be raised by taxation of the toun.

The said day, the counsell takeing to consideratione that this burgh was lyable for payment for aught hundereth punds Scots money monthlie, for the proportione of the late taxatione imposit by the conventione of Estates holdin at Edinburgh in the moneth of Januar last, commensing from the first day of the said moneth to the first day of Januar nixt to cum, 1668 yeirs, extending in the haill to fyftein thousand punds money, as also for the soum of tuo thousand tuo hundered merkes for the taxation to his Maiestie, wherof Duke Hamiltone is collector; as also tuo thousand merkes money forsaid, as the pryce of the sex cannons, with

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ther furnitour, bought from the Earle Marischall for the vse of the toune, and sielyk tuo thousand merkes for the defiencie of this burghs proportione of excyse; as also they ware resting considerable somes to ther thesaurer, which he had expent in the affaires of this burgh; as also for payment of the tounes annuellis to ther mortificationes, and for ther ministers stepands, and for commissoners charges, and other incident charges; therfor for defraying of ten thousand and aucht hundereth merkes of the said first taxatione for nyne monethes of the said yeir, to the moneth of October nixt, and sua far of the other particulars as the soume efter mentionat micht extend, to find it expedient that ane taxatione of sextein thousand punds money forsaid be with all convenient dilligence taxt vpon the haill inhabitants of this burgh; and to the effect the samen may be effectuat, nominats and appoynts the taxtars vnder written, viz.: Gilbert Gray, provest, Robert Forbes, Thomas Mitchell, baillies, etc., to equallie taxt and proportione the said soume vpon the haill inhabitants of this burgh, and ordaines the toune to be conveinit for giveing thair approbatione tharvnto.

14 March 1667.

Ordour to the dean of gild for placing of the touns cannon.

14 *March* 1667.

The said day, the councell ordaines the deane of gild for better defence of this burghe from the enimies invasione, to caus place four of the tounes cannone vpon the Blockhouse, wherof two high, and the vther two laich, and the wther two vpon the Castlehill, and that he provyde and haue in readiness sufficient pouder and ball at all occasiones.

20 March 1667.

Act anent admission of Mr John Forbes to be master of the gramer scooll.

20 *March* 1667.

The said day, the councell taking into consideratioune that the deceist Mr Patrik Dune, doctor of medicine, did mortifie the lands and milne of Ferryhill, with certane moneys, for the vse of the gramerschooll of this burgh, suspending alwayes the improvement of the said mortificatione

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wntill the stock should be able to yeild yeirlie of rent tuelff hundered merks Scots money, quherof sex hundered merks to the principall master, and two hundered merks to ilk ane of three vnder masters to be in the said scooll, and that at Witsonday the said mortificatione did onlie begine to be improvin conforme to the then councell and mortifiers relations appoyntment theranent; and also that Mr John Forbes, professor of humanitie, present principall master of the said scooll, was willing to continow in the said charge wpon the conditiones and for the yeirs after mentionat, have admittit and receavit, lykeas be thir presents the councell, with consent of the mortifiers, freinds, and relations, haveing sure knowledge of the said Mr Johne his abilities to exerce the said office, admitts and receaves him to be master of the gramer scooll of this burgh, and to the haill benefites and casualties due to him by the said mortificatione, which is sex hundered merks yeirlie, with the benefite of his awin classe, conforme to the appoyntment of the said mortificatione, and that for the space of fyve yeirs from the dait of thir presents, which is his entrie to the said place be vertue heirof; and farder, for his better incouragement and subsistance of leiving, adds and eiks to the said sex hundereth merkis and benefite of the said classe, tuo hundereth punds money forsaid, to be payit to him yeirlie during the said fyve yeirs be the thesaurer for the tyme, out of the comone guid of this burgh, at tuo termes, Witsonday and Martimes, be equall portiones, which addition is to be no preparative to any succeeding principall master in the said scooll to clame or crave the samen, in respect the counsell grants the samen out of their owin good will onlie; all which is to be in full satisfactione to the said master John of what he can ask or crave by the said place for scooll exactions, such as candle, bentsiluer, or any wther due or steipand whatsumever: lykeas the said master John compeired and acceptit the said office in and wpon him, and promised to discharge ane faithfull duetie therin, whervpon the councell ordaineit ane contract to be extendit in due form theranent.

20 March 1667.

Findlater and Innes admittit doctors of the gramer scooll.

20 *March* 1667.

The said day, the councell, with consent of the relationes and freinds of the said deceist Doctor Dune, mortifier abowe named, haveing sure knowledge of the abilities of Mr John Findlator and Mr Patrik Innes, admitts and receaves them tuo of the under masters and doctors of the gramer scooll of this burgh, and that for the space of ane yeir from the dait heirof, or longer, as the councell sall find expedient, they alwayes giving intimatioune to the councell ane yeir preceiding their removeall that they ar sua intendit; and grants to ilk ane of them yeirlie two hundered merkes Scots money, to be payit at Martimes and Witsonday be equall portiones, together with the benefit of thair awin classis, conforme to the mortifiers appoyntment in his mortificatione maid theranent, which two hundereth merkes and benefit of ther classis as aforsaid, is to be in contentatione to ilk ane of them of all they can ask or crave of the said place for whatsumever accompt, and ordaines ane contract to be extendit thereon.

1 May 1667.

Anent the defence of the toune.

1 *May* 1667.

The said day, the feares of the enemies invasione daylie more and more increasing, the councell, for the better defence of this burgh, ordaines ane watch of tuentie four men to be nichtlie at the blockhous, and the samen to begyne on Fryday nixt, and ilk ane that sallbe absent from the said watch to pay for ilk nights absence thrittie shilling Scots money, for the quhich the captaine of the watch is to be comptable; as also ordaines that ane generall muster of the haill inhabitants of the toune be vpon the tuentie ane day of this instant, and that intimatione therof be made for being in readines against the said day, and with all for further defence of the toune, ordaines that they be put in ane poster suitable thervnto; and for their better ordouring theranent appoynts the severall captaines and commanders for the severall quarters as followes, to witt, ffor the Futtie

quarter, Thomas Merser, lait deane of gild, captaine; Thomas Robertsone, leivtennent; Patrick Moir, sone to the decest Mr William Moir, lait baillie, ensigne bearer. For the Grein quarter, Arthur Dalgardno, captaine; Johne Duff, leivtennent; Mr Alexr. Robertsone, sone to Alexr. Robertsone, lait baillie, ensigne bearer. For the Evin quarter, George Melvill, captaine; Walter Innes, leivtennent; Johne Moir, sone to Patrick Moir, lait baillie, ensigne bearer. For the Crooked quarter, James Robertsone, younger, sone to the said Alexr. Robertsone, captaine; Johne Waillis, leivtennent; Mr Patrick Sandilands, sone to the deceist Mr James Sandilands, toune clerk, ensigne bearer, with power to them to choise serjands and other vnder officeris, as they sall find expedient.

1 May 1667. — Anent the defence of the toune.

22 *May* 1667.

22 May 1667. — Anent the solemnitie the 29 May.

The said day, the councell considering that Wednesday nixt being the tuentie nynt of this instant was appoyntit to be solemnizit and keepit as ane publict day of thanksgiving for the Kings Maiesties birth and happie restauratione, therfor for this brughe ther furder evidenceing ther duetie therin, appoynts sermons to be in both churches, and Mr George Meldrum and Mr Patrick Sibbald to preach, and all servall work to be prohibite be publick proclamatione, and the kings loft in the Old Church, and the Cross, to be hung with tapestrie, in good ordour as formerlie, and wyne and confections to be at the said Croce, and ane covered table for that effect; and bone fyres to be put on in the afternoone on the streets, and the cannons on the hill and the blockhouse to be shott, and the haill bells to be soundit.

5 *June* 1667.

5 June 1667. — The officeris to repair the breatches of the Tolbuith on thair owne charges.

The said day, the councell taking to consideratione that the prisone hous and tolbuith of this burgh was oftin breatchit and brockin by the prisoneris thairin, and that the samen was much occasioned by the tounes serjeands, keepers of the said prisone, thair neglect and slouth: therfor to

5 June 1667.

The officeris to repair the breatches of the Tolbuith on thair owne charges.

the effect they may be the more carefull in tyme cumeing, ordainis that all breatches made in the said prisone hous throw thair neglect, shall be made up and repaired by them vpon thair awin proper charges and expenssis, and that by and attour further punishment, at the councells plesour: lykas the haill serjandis of this burgh was instantlie convenit before the councell, and the premisses intimat to them.

12 June 1667.

Andersone captain of the blockhous.

12 *June* 1667.

The said day, the councell appoynts and nominatis Johne Andersone captaine of the Blockhous, and to haue the charge of the guns, pouder, and ball in the said house, and to imploy such persones for his assistance as sall be fund expedient, and the councell does seriouslie recomend to him to be readie and cairfull at all occasiones in going about the said service; lykeas the said John undertook the same, and promised sua to doe according to his powar and abilitie.

14 August 1667.

Solemnities to be used at the provosts funeral.

14 *August* 1667.

The said day, the councell taking to ther serious consideratione the death and removeall of Gilbert Gray, present provest of this burgh, who departit this lyfe this day, about three houres in the morneing, and finding it ther duetie to atend and convey his corps to ther interment in the most honorable and decent maner they could, he being ane verie worthie deserveing persone, and this burgh sustaining great loss by his removeall; therfor appoynts the haill persones of the counsell to be in mourning, and the bells to be soundit, the councell dask to be coverit with black, and fiftie men out of each quarter to be in armes, . . . and four cannon to be dischargit, tuo at the uptaking of the corps and tuo at the interment therof, and them in armes to give vollies according to use and wont in the lyke.

4 *September* 1667.

4 Sept. 1667.

Ane siluer cup left be William Toup for the vse of St Nicolas kirk delyverit to the maister of kirkwark.

The said day, Robert Cruckschank, elder, merchant burges of the said burgh, and sone-in-law to the deceist William Toup, burges of the same, produceit and gave in to the councell ane siluer cup, weying elevin vnce and threttein drop, left and mortified be the said deceist William Toup for the vse of St Nicolas kirk of this burgh, which cup was instantlie delyverit to Robert Ramsay, master of the kirkwark, for the effect above written.

30 *October* 1667.

30 Oct. 1667.

Act in favors of John Forbes printer.

The said day, anent the supplicatione given in to the counsell be John Forbes, younger, printer in the said burgh, mentioning that wher ane great part of his calling and imployment was takine from him by merchands and chopmen, who brocht from the south pamphlets and litle books, which he could affoord at as easie ane rait as they did sell the samen, and particularlie that Alexander Gray, chopman, had latlie brocht home about ane thousand *prognostications* which he could have furnished at ane more easie rait; and seing the saids books ware ane great part of his lyvlihood, and that he therby was disinabled to pay the merchands the paper he did buy wpon the accompt of his imployment for the creadit of the toune; therfor desyreing the counsell to be pleasit to consider the premisses, and to emitt ane act for restraineing the lyke in tyme comeing, and to impose such censure wpon the former contraveiners as they sould find expedient, seing ther predicessors had done the same before, and that it had been the laudable custome of this burgh in all tyme bygone to exempt ther printer from all taxationes and publict burdines relateing to his imployment, that they wold be pleasit to grant him the lyke favour, seing he was most willing to doe all service his predicessors had before done, as in the supplicatione was conteinit: The councell haveing hard and considerit the same, and being advyseit therwith, ordaines that no

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merchant or chopman, or other persone whatsumever within this burgh, sall bring hom or sell any pamphlets or litle books quhich the petitioner can affoord, he alwayes selling the same at ane ordinarie valow, and that under such penaltie and censure as the councell sall appoynt; and ordaines intimatione therof to be made be the drume thorrow the toune: And as for the said Alexander Gray, ordaines him to be conveinit befor the magistratis and rebookit, and ordaineit to forbear the lyke in tyme comeing, with certificatione of greater censure; and anent the taxationes and publict impositiones, declares the petitioner free therof in all and everie thing his predicessors of his imployment war liberat of the same.

11 *December* 1667.

11 Dec. 1667.

James Youngsone admittit bellman.

The said day, anent the supplicatioune given in to the provest, baillies, and councell be James Youngsone, indueller in this burgh, mentioning that whair it had pleasit God laitlie to remove Alexander Will, bellman, by death, and that the said office wes now vaicand and at thair disposall; therfor desyreing the counsell to be pleasit to admitt him to the said office and imployment, for the quhilk he sould be ane dilligent and obedient servant, as in the supplicatioune wes contenit: Quhich being hard and considerit, they heirby admitt and receawe the said James Youngsoune to the said office of bellman, with powar to him to intromett with the said bell, and to vse and exerce the said office, wptake and receave the benefits, dues, and casualiteis belonging thervnto, and to atend and serve the taksman of the customes of meall and malt mercats, in wptaking the fruits and others belonging to the said office, and to make just compt, reckoning, and payment of the same as his predicessors were in vse to doe, dureing the will and pleasour of the councell and his good service thairin alleanarlie; the said James alwayes finding sufficient cautioune for his good behaviour in the said office and faithfull administratione thairin, and with all, making thankfull payment to the thesaurer of tuentie merkes Scotis yeirlie, at Witsonday and Martimes, for the said imployment, wtherwayes

this present act to be null; the first termes payment is to begin at Wit-sonday nixt. 11 Dec. 1667.

15 *January* 1668. 15 Jan. 1668.

The said day, the provest, baillies, and counsell taking to consideratione the frequent abusses occurreing betuixt the students of the Kings Colledge of Aberdein and of the Colledge Marischall within this burgh, occasioned by the invitation of the students of the said King's Colledge to burialls of defunct persones within this burgh, wherby the peace of the toune was much disturbit, and many particular persons much prejudgeit and offendit; therfor for remeid wherof ordanis that in all tyme comeing no inhabitant within this burgh sall invyte or desyre any of the students of nyther of the saids colledges, and particularlie them of the Kings Colledge, to any of the burialls of ther defunct persons, under payne of fywe hundred merkes Scots money, to be payit be ilk inhabitant contraveinand, and ordanis thir presents to be intimat thorrow the toune be the drum, and to the masters of Kings Colledge by way of instrument. Robert Forbes, lait baillie, and John Donaldson, tuo of the councell, protestit that they micht haue libertie to invite their relationes in ayther colledges as occasione did offer: The provest, for himselfe and in name of the councell, protestit in the contrar, and that any prejudice occurreing by any such invitatione they sould be lyable thervnto, wherunto they replyed and protestit to be frie therof, in respect they sould invite non bot vpon ane peacabill and civill accompt, and that the contravenars sould be onlie lyable. Act against invitation of students of the colleges to buriallis.

Eodem die. Eodem die.

The said day, the magistrats proposeing to the councell that Mr John Menzies, professor of divinitie in this burgh, did resolve to dedicat to them the dispute betuixt him and Mr Dempster *alias* Logane or Rhind, ane Jesuite, which he was with all dilligence to put to the presse for Anent the printing the dispute betwixt Menzies, professor, and Dempster, Jesuite.

15 Jan. 1668.

Anent the printing the disputs betwixt Menzes, professor, and Dempster, Jesuite.

printing therof, for informatione of all who micht be concerneit: The councell being advyseit theranent, holds themselues bound in duetie to accept of his said profer, and recomends to the magistrats to render him thanks for his so laudable and good intentione, in puting the saids disputes to the presse for the forsaid effect; and withall, that the dean of gild caus furnish paper and oversee the printing of the same, and receave in the copies and sell the same for the tounes vse at the best availl, ther being alwayes such ane competent number as the said professor sall desyre freelie giuen af to him for his owne and his freinds vse.

11 March 1668.

The townspeople to be ready to convene in arms.

11 *March* 1668.

The said day, the councell finds it expedient that at tolling of the bell in the Tolbooth, and beat of drum, the inhabitants of this burghe be in readines to convein in armes for compescing any insolancies may fall out, or be occassined, and ordaines proclamatione to be made heirof, thorrow the toune be the drum.

25 March 1668.

Act anent the makeing of murneing clockis for the vse of the toune

25 *March* 1668.

The said day, the councell ordaines Gilbert Black, thesaurer, to cause buy also much black cloth as will be aught clocks for murneing, at the funeralls of such persones as sall imploy the same, ilk cloke contening about fyve elnes cloth, and the same to be imployit and made vse of for the vse of the thesaurarie and comone good of this burghe, at the rates following, viz:—ilk persone that makis vse therof within this burghe, to pay for ilk ane therof ten shilling Scots money, ilk tuentie four houres, and ilk ane that imployes the same out of the toune, at whatsumever distance, to pay therfor tuentie four shilling money, for said ilk tuentie four houres, and ordaines the said thesaurer and his successoris not to giue out any of the saids clocks to any persones whatsumeuer whill they get suffi-

cient cautione for restitutione of the same in alse good cace as they are given out. 25 March 1668

27 *May* 1668. 27 May 1668.

The said day the councell considdering that severall persones did ryd wpon the streetis, and wthers did dryve ther horses before them, wherby it was found that severall young childerin and wther persones had sustenit prejudice thairby; therfor for remeid therof ordaines that no persone ryde vpon the streets at any swift paise, but in ane moderat and modest way, and that non dryve thair horses before them, bot that they keepe them in thair hands, with certificatione to all who sall be found to contraveine, that they sall pay ane vnlaw of fourtie shilling to the dean of gild, for the vse of the toune, by and attour further censure, according to what prejudice sall be incurrit, and ordaines proclamatione to goe thorrow the toune be the drum for the forsaid effect. Act against ryding vpon the streitis.

2 *September* 1668. 2 Sept. 1668.

The said day, the councell considdering that ther was ane great abuse within this burghe, in sua far as strangerris resorting thervnto ware oftin disapoyntit of ludgeing and accommodatione, and with all considdering that tavirnerris and uentineris of aill and wyne aught to accommodat such persones, and haue readie provisione theranent; therfor statutes and ordaines that all ventineris of the forsaid comodities, receave and accept in thair houssis such persones, and have sufficient provisione at all tymes requisite, wpon ther reasonable payment, with certificatioune to all who sall be found to contravenie, that they sall be debarrit and depryveit of the privilege of selling and venting the forsaid comodities, by and attour suche other fyne and vnlaw as the magistratis and counsell sall be pleasit to impose, and ordaines the said haill ventineris to be convenit, and the premisses intimat to them, to the effect they may not pretend ignorance. Tavirneris to lodge and accommodat strangers.

9 Dec. 1668.

Muskets and drums to be brought from Holland.

9 *December* 1668.

The said day, the counsell ordaines the dean of gild to cause bring from Holland threescoir muskatis, with bandileires conforme, tuo drumes, and alse to cause furnish and provyde thrittie pickes, wher the same may be most convenientlie had, all for the vse of this burghe ther militia company for his Maiesties service, and what he deburses theranent the same to be allowit in his accompts.

23 Dec. 1668.

Sumonds to be raised against the Old Toune Colledge.

23 *December* 1668.

The said day, the councell considdering that ther being ane ryott done and comittit latlie within this burghe by certaine students of the Kings Colledge, in ther comeing over in armes in the night tyme, to the hous of Donald Monroe, in the north syde of the Castle gate, and braking wp dores and windowes, and useing severall wther outrages and abusses, and that albeit they had been dealling with the principall and masters of the said colledge for competent reparatione, yet finding nothing to be effectuat which could be satisfactorie, ordaines sumonds to be rasit with all dilligence befor the Lords of Privie Counsell, against all persones interrested in the saids abusses, to the effect redresse may be had therof according to law.

6 Jan. 1669.

Melvill electit captaine leiv tenent.

6 *January* 1669.

The said day, the councell nominatis and electis George Melvill, burges of this burghe, captaine, leivtennant of this burghes companie of foott for the militia, under the conduct and comand of ane noble and potent earle, William, Earl Marischall, Lord Keith and Altrie, who as the counsell is informed hath designit the said companie for himselfe, and giues and grants to him such pay and casualities as they sall find reasonable, and as sall be found due to wthers in the lyke employment, and or-

daines ane commissione to be extendit for the forsaid effect vnder the magistratis handis, and secret seill of this burghe and delyverit to him. 6 Jan. 1669.

20 *January* 1669. 20 Jan. 1669.

The said day, the councell nominatis and electis Robert Gray, second lauchfull sone to the deceist Mr Thomas Gray, somtyme provest of this burght, ensigne bearer of the tounes campanie of foott, for the militia vnder the conduct and command of ane noble and potent earle, William, Earle Marischall, Lord Keith and Altrie, who as the councell is informed hath designit the said company for himselfe, and guies and grants to him such pay and casualities as they sall find reasonable, and as sall be found due to wtheris in lyke employment, and ordaines ane commission to be extendit for the forsaid effect, wnder the magistratis hands, and secret seall of this burghe and delyverit to him. Gray elected ensigne bearer.

24 *March* 1669. 24 March 1669.

The said day, George Leslie, dean of gild, signifieing to the counsell that, conforme to thair former warrand and appoyntment to him, he had causit bring from Holland, for the vse of this burghs militia companie, thriescoire muskatis and bandileires, as also that he had brought vpon his owne hazard wther threescoire muskatis and bandileires, wherof, if the councell pleasit to accept the same, sould be at ther disposall at ane verie easie rate; wheranent the councell being advysit, acceptis of the first threscoire muskatis and bandileires, and declaires the same allowable in his accompts; and anent the wther threescoire muskatis and bandileires, recomends to the magistratis to meet with him and aggree thairanent. Anent the muskatis and bandileirs for the tounes militia.

7 April 1669.

Anent the freedomes proportione of the militia company of this burghe.

7 April 1669.

The said day, the councell considering that the commissioners of this shyre for the militia had imposit vpon this burghe and freedome therof sexscoire men of ther companie in his Maiesties service thairanent; and withall considering that in anno 1640 the lyk number or therby was imposit wpon and put out by this burghe wpon the forsaid accompt, wherof the heritouris of the freedome of the same burghe ther proportione was sextein men, as the old rolls did bear; yet, nevertheles, the councell being at this tyme desyrous to indulge the saids heritouris with all the favor they can, declares that as to this present affair, their proportione of the said sex scoir men sall be onlie twelwe men, whom they ar to rigg out and furnish among themselves with all convenient dilligence, in such ordour and maner, as the remanent of the said sex scoir men sall be furnished out by this burghe; and for ther farther incouragement theranent, the councell adjoynes to them the lands of Clerkseat, Calsiend, and Barkmilne, not before mentionat in the saids old rolls.

Eodem die.

Anent the admissione of burgers who ar papists.

Eodem die.

The said day, the councell taking to consideratione the great increasse and grouth of poperie within this burghe, which might be somthing occasioned by the admissione of such persons alreadie so declared or inclynit that way, to be burgessis of this burghe, wpon ther accepting the ordinar oath of alleadgance to his Majestie, and of fidelitie to this burghe; and with all, considering that the burghe of Eddinburghe did admit no entrants without giving oath of constant adherance to the protestant religione, which practise and rule the councell of this burghe, conceaves to be verie laudable in itselfe, and which they intend to practise and follow, if possible they can, without manifest prejudices to the inhabitants: therfor, in the interim, vntill they have further advysement theranent, ordaines that no persones uspect of poperie, supplicating to be burges of this burghe, be

admittit thervnto wntill first he give his oath that he is no papist, and sall adher in all tyme comeing to the protestant religione, as the same is profest in this kingdome. 7 April 1669.

7 *April* 1669. 7 April 1669.

Anent the apprehending of persones suspect of witchcraft.

The said day, the saids new and old councells taking to ther serious consideratione that many malifices were comittit and done by severall persones in this toune who are *malæ famæ*, and suspect guiltie of witchcraft, wpon many of the inhabitants of this toune sevarall wayes, and that it ware necessarie for suppressing the lyke in tyme comeing, and for punishing these persones who sall be found guiltie: therefor they doe vnanimouslie conclude and ordaine, that any such persone who is suspect of the lyke malifices may be seased vpon and put in firmance, and that ane comissione be sent for putting of them to tryall, that condigne justice may be executed upon them as the nature of the offence does merit.

Eodem die. Eodem die.

Anent ane fast.

The said day, the councell considdering the abounding of all sorts of sinnes within this burghe, such as drunkenes, wncleinness, curseing, and the lyke, to the effect the just judgementis of God may be avertit, finds it expedient to indict ane fast to be keepit by the inhabitantis of this burghe theranent, and recomends to the magistrats to caus acquant the ministeris therwith that they may speak to the Bishope for his approbatione of the same.

28 *April* 1669. 28 April 1669.

Anent them who ar inlisted in the militia company.

The said day, the councell ordaines and appoynts that whatsumeuer persone listed, and his name takine wp for being of the militia company of this burgh, and removeing out of the toune vpon that accompt, if free,

28 April 1669.

sall be depryved of his freedome, and if vnfree, sall be banished out of this burghe and freedome, being lawfullie convict theranent.

5 May 1669.

Act in favors of Androw Milne anent the stands of the fish mercat.

5 *May* 1669.

The said day, anent the petitione given in to the councell be Androw Mill, burges of this burghe, shewing that they ware of intentione, as he was informeit, for better decorement of the toune and accomodatione of the fish merkat within the same, to caus erect and make wp certane stands of timber about the croce, in the eistmost end of the Castlegate, for keeping and preserving the fishes from the filth of the calsie, wheron formerlie they did ly; and seing he was ane burgour whose menes and estate, by the good providence of God, wes decayit, he was willing to caus mack wp the saids stands wpon his owine charges, and to undertake and goe about the atendance therof for such tyme, and upon such conditiones as the counsell sould appoynt: therfor desyreing the councell to considder the premisses, and to grant him the said libertie for such yeires, and wpon such conditions as they sould set doune theranent, and wheranent he sould refer himselfe to the councell thair determinatione, as in the said petitione at lenth wes contenit. The councell having hard and considderit the same, and being advysit therwith, and with the petitioneris present meane conditione, and also with the wsefulnes and conveniencie of the said fish stands if sua made, haue given and grantit, and heirby gives and grantis full libertie, power, and tollerance to the petitioner to caus erect and make wp, by advyce of the dean of gild or thesaurer, alse many timber fish stands, for keeping and preserveing the fishes from the fulzie and filth of the calsie as they sould find convenient, and to enjoy and posses the same by himselfe, or wtheris in his name, for the space of fyve yeires from the dait heirof, with power to him to wptake for ilk creall full of whatsumever fishes brought to the said mercat, four pennies Scotis, and for ilk lesser quantitie of fishes brought therto in creellis or otherwayes, two pennies money forsaid; and that at ilk tyme the saids fishes sall sua come to the

said mercat, all to be peyit by the seller of the saids fishes, with power to him to poynd for the saidis respectiue rates, not exceeding the value of the same, wpon the conditions and provisiones wnderwrittin, to be performeit be the said Androw, and no wtherwayes, viz., the said Androw, or any wpon his accompt injoying the said libertie, paying yeirlie therfor at to the thesaurer of the said burghe, for the wse of the toune, Scotis, begining the first yeires payment at nixt to come; as also he making wp the saids stands with seats, for accomodatione to the selleris of the saids fishes, by advyce forsaid, wpon his owin charges and expenssis, and at expyreing of the said fyve yeires to leave the same in good cace for the wse of the toune, and sall clenge and make cleine the same ilk Saturday, with the calsie wheron they ar sett, and to set out the same euerie morning in ther proper roumes, and remove the same everie evening, declareing his libertie to continow for the space of fyve yeirs from this date, and no longer; and thir presenttis wnder the clerkis hand to be sufficient warrand for the forsaid effect: lykas the said Androw Mill hath acceptit the said imployment on him wpon the conditione abowe writine, and obleissis him to stand and abyde therat in all poyntis.

5 May 1669.

Act in favoris of Androw Milne anent the stands of the fish mercat.

9 *June* 1669.

9 June 1669.

The said day, the councell considdering that it was necessar for decorement of this burgh that the tuo blank housines wpon the south syde of the Tolbooth sould be fillit wp in good ordour, with his Majesties armes in the wppermost, and this burghes armes in the nethermost, and in respect the kinges armes wpon the wtter part of the Gallowgate port, in respect of the antiquitie thairof, was much obliterat, and stood in neid to be illuminat and revitat; therfor recommends to the dean of gild to goe about the effectuating therof and of the saids houssines with all diligence, and to agree with wrichtis and measones theranent, and what he deburses theron the same to be allowit in his accompts.

Warrand to the dean of gild anent the king and tounes armes wpon the Tolbooth and Gallowgate port.

23 June 1669.

Warrand to the maister of mortificatione anent the premiums to the scollars of the gramer scooll.

23 *June* 1669.

The said day, the councell finds it reasonable and aggreable with the mortificatione of the deceist Doctor Dune to the Gramar Scooll of this burgh, that the premiums vsuallie given by the visitours of the said scooll to the scollaris for thar incouragement, be furnisht vpon the charges of the said mortificatione, and therfor ordaines the master of mortificatiounes to doe the same accordinglie, and what he deburses theranent, the same to be allowit in his accompts.

6 Aug. 1669.

Warrand to the dean of gild for making the tounes militia company their reid coates.

6 *August* 1669.

The said day, the councell ordaines the dean of gild to provyde as much plaiding as will furnish coatis to the tounes militia company, which they conceave for the tounes part of the same will be about aught hundreth elnes plaiding, which they ordane him to cause make in reid cullour for their vse, and in respect ther is tuelwe of tounes militia company allotit to the freedome of this burght, who also must be furnished with the said coatis, and that it is desyred be some of the heritouris of the said freedome, that the councell wold doe with them theranent as with the remanent of the said company, continowes ther answer theranent to ther farder advysement.

15 Aug. 1669.

The usual ornaments and armour to be furnished to the officers of the touns company of militia.

15 *August* 1669.

The said day, the councell ordaines the dean of gild to furnish and provyde George Melvill, captaine, leivtennent of their militia company, and wther the officeris of the same companie, with such abuilziement ornamentis and peeces of armour as wthers the lyke officeris of any of the saids companies doeth ordinarlie make wse of, and what he deburses theranent the same to be allowit in his accompts.

15 *September* 1669.

15 Sept. 1669.

Forbes admittit to the hospittall.

The said day, anent the supplicatione given in to the counsell be Williame Forbes, sone to Williame Bishope of Edinburgh, desyreing that they wold be pleasit in respect of his meine conditione to . . . receave him to the hospitall of this burghe, promiseing to carie and behave himselfe civillie as becomes, and withall to assigne . . . to the said hospitall any band or obleidgement he had from William Forbes of Corsandae for his mantinance, to be disposit of be them as they sould find expedient, . . . which the counsell takeing to consideratione admitts the said William Forbes to the said hospitall. . .

20 *October* 1669.

20 Oct. 1669.

Ane collectione for reparatione of brunt houssis.

The said day, the counsell considdering that laitlie, vpon the day of this instant, ther did hapin ane sad accident of fyre in the night tyme, wherby severall houssis in the heid of the Shipraw were brunt, and others takine doune for preservatioune of the toune, to the great prejudice of the owners of the same; therfor to the effect some supplie may be provydit theranent, ordaines and appoynts collection to be at both the kirk dores of this burghe, vpon the Lords day nixt ensewing, as also at Futtie, and recomends to the baillies, dean of gild, and thesaurer to receaue the said collectione at the kirk dores.

27 *October* 1669.

27 Oct. 1669.

Assault on a baillie by the Laird of Drums brother.

The said day, the counsell taking to consideratione that vpon the day of this instant month, Francis Irvine, brother to the Laird Drum, did injure Walter Robertsone, ane of the baillies of the said brughe, in the hous of Mr Thomas Lumsden, burges of the same, by stricking of his hatt af his head and casting the same to the ground severall tymes, and indeavoring to draw his suord to haue struckine him therwith,

27 Oct. 1669.

Assault on a baillie by the Laird of Drums brother.

and reproaching the provest and magistracie of this burghe with severall reproachfull and contemptable expressiones, wherby the said Walter Robertsone, being ane present magistrat, and the authoritie of the haill magistrats under his Maiestie, wes much incroatchit vpon, slightit, and vilipendit; therfor for redres of the said ryott and abuse, ordaines sumonds to be raiseit and legallie prosecute befor the Lords of his Maiesties Privie Counsell against the said Francis Irvine with all convenient dilligence, wnles he will signifie to the counsell his acknowledgement of the said offence, and desyre forbearance of legall redress, wpon his profer of freindlie satisfactione.

10 Nov. 1669.

Warrand to the dean of gild anent buckats and swords.

10 *November* 1669.

The said day, the counsell ordaines the dean of gild to cause bring from Holland tuentie leather buckats for the vse of the toune vpon accidents of fyre, as also to caus bring therfrom ane hundreth amunitione suords for the vse of the tounes militia companie, and what he deburssis anent aither of the premisses the same to be allowit in his accomptis.

26 Jan. 1670.

Francis Irvine's proceedings against the magistrates.

26 *January* 1670.

Francis Irvine, brother german to the Laird Drum, against whom by ane former act sumonds is ordanit to be raisit befor the Lords of Privie Counsell for the reasones therin exprest, did vpon the morrow after comitting of that abuss goe south, notwithstanding of the counsellis favor in being willing of ane freindlie setlement, and raised sumonds against the magistrats, wharethrow they ware necessitat to insist against him for legall reparatione, and both parties appeiring before the saids Lords the magistrats obtainit decreit before them against the said Francis Irvine which is as followes:

26 Jan. 1670.

Decreet of the Lords of Privy Council against Francis Irvine.

Att Edinburgh the elevinth day of November, j^{m} vi^{c} thriescoire nyne yeirs, anent our Soveraigne Lords letters raisit at the instance of Mr Robert Patrie of Portlethin, provest of Aberdeine, Alexr. Alexander, Gilbert Mollesone, Johne Duncan, and Walter Robertsone, baillies of the said brughe, for themselues and in name of the counsell and communitie therof, makand mentione, that wher albeit be the lawes and acts of parliement of this realme, the injureine and abuseing of any persone, but especiallie the affronting and injureing of magistrats in office, be a cryme of a high nature, and sevirlie punishable; nevertheles it is of veritie that Francis Irvine, brother german to the laird of Drum, haveing designed to put ane publict affront and disgrace vpon the magistratis of the said brughe, being the tuentie sevint day of September last bypast, betwixt sevin and aught o'cloake at night within the brughe of Aberdein, in the house of Thomas Lumsden, burges, wher Walter Robertsone, one of the baillies, were present about thair lunchfull affaires; he, without the least offence or provocatione given to him, fell out in the most disdainfull and reproachfull speeches and expressiones against the magistrats of the said brughe of Aberdein, boasting that he would cause his footman take of the provests hat of his head at the crose, and cause him kik him in the erse with his foott, and called the said Walter Robertsone, baillie, with whom he wes in company, ane base villan and raskell, and said to him that in testimonie he wold cause doe to the provest as he said he wold cause the baillies hat ly amongst his feet; lykeas he instantlie pulled of the baillies hat and threw the same to the ground, and agane called him base raskell, and lousie knaue, and the said baillie takeing wp his hatt and puting the same on his head, he did agane take the same of and threw it against the wall, and on of the company desyreing Francis to be more civill to a magistrat of the brugh, he layed hold on his sword to haue drawin the same, but being impedit, drew a whingher and persewed the baillie thairwith for his lyfe, and had not failzied to haue done greater mischeiff if he had not bein hindred, and the said baillie haveing in a sober maner in his Maiesties name as ane magistrat and justice of peace, desyred the said

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Francis Irving to behaue himselfe more civillie, he said he wold pish vpon the justices and all the magistrats of Aberdein, wtering many wther disdainfull and base expressiones, wherby the said Francis Irvine is guiltie of ane oppin and manifest ryot, comitted be him in high and proud contempt of his Maiesties authoritie and lawes, and ought therfor to be exemplorlie punished in his persone and goods, to the terror of others to comitt and doe the lyke in time comeing; and anent the charge given to the said Francis Irvine, to haue compeared personallie to haue answered to the forsaid complaint, and to haue heard and seen such ordour takine theranent as apperteinit, vnder the payne of rebellione, &c., as the saids letters, executiones, and indorsationes therof, at lenth proport, whilks being callit and both parties compeirand personallie, the Lords of his Maiesties Privie Counsell haueing hard and considderit the forsaid complaint, and ansuers maid therto, togither with the depositiones of severall famous witnesses, led and adduced be the persewers for proveing of the said complaint, doe find the forsaid lybell sufficientlie provin to infer a ryot against the said Francis Irvine, and therfor decernes and ordaines him to crave pardon at the barr of the said provest of Aberdein, and these of the magistrats of the said brughe that are present, for the wrong and offence done to them by him; lykeas in obedience therto the said Francis Irvine did accordinglie craue them pardone; and furder the said lords ordaines the defender to be caried prisoner to the tolbooth of Edinburgh, ther to remayne this night, and ay and whill he sall be released by warrand of the lord commissioner his grace, and find cautione vnder payne of fyue thousand merkes, that he and his tuo servandis, and all wther his mentennentis and servantis sall keepe the peace, and sall not harme the magistrats, and inhabitants of Aberdein; as alse the said Lords modifies fyue rix dollouris to be payit be the said Francis Irvine to ilk ane of the witnesses cited and deponeing in the mutual complaints perseued be ather parties, lykeas Alexr. Alexander, baillie of Aberdein, having produceit discharges for fyue of the witnesses, did receaue up their expensis for thair behove. Extract by me, *Sic subscribitur*, Thomas Hay.

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Act against setting houssis to papists and quakers or accepting of them.

The said day, the counsell takeing to considderatione that notwithstanding of acts of parliament, and of the Lords of his Majesties Privie Councell, and of the acts of councell of this brughe groundit therupon, ordaneing that no inhabitant within the same sould recept, supplie, intertaine, or furnish meat or drink to, or keepe correspondence with, or sett houssis or chambers to jesuits, preists, or trafficquing strangers, papists or quakers, vnder payne of fyve hundereth merkes Scots money, by and attour wther censure and punishment to be inflictit vpon them according to thair severall qualities and degrees, vpon the first legall convictione theranent; and that no papist or quaker resideing within this brughe, or wther inhabitant within the same, sould recept in thair houssis, ludge or intertaine any papist or quaker, or any persone suspect of ather of the same, till first they did acquaint the magistrats therwith, and had thair libertie and varrand therfor, vnder the penalty and certificatione exprest in the said act, as the same duelie proclameit thorrow the toune beares; and albeit the saids provest, baillies, and councell did, according to the said act, and grounds of the same aforsaid, expect some due observance from all concerneit theranent, nevertheles it is found that the same is much contemnit and neglectit, and that papists and quakers are resett and intertanit, and have their frequent meetings and conventicles within this brughe, to the great contempt of authoritie and scandall of the gospell, and of all trew Christians within this brughe; therfor for further evidenceing the magistrats and counsell of the same ther willingnes to reclame all within thair boundis who are obstinat and disobedient to the just and good government and lawes of this kingdome, and acts of counsell of this brughe foundit thervpon, and if otherwayes that they may be the more inexcusable, therfor ordanit and appoyntit that no inhabitant within this brughe resett, supplie, intertaine, or furnish meat and drink, and keepe correspondence with, or sett houssis, or chambers, to jesuists, priests, or traffiquing strangers, papists, or quakers, or permitt them to keepe meet-

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ings or conventicles within thair houssis vpon whatsumever pretext, vnder payne of fyve hundereth merkes money, by and attour deprivatione of thair freedomes, and if vnfree, of being removeit out of the toune after lawfull convictione; and alse that no papist, or quaker, or wther inhabitant whatsumever, resett or ludge in thair housses any such persons, or any suspect theranent, till first they acquant the magistrats, and giue wp ther names nightlie, and as occasione offeris, and obtaine thair libertie for that effect, with certificatione that the persone contraveining sall pay three pund to the dean of gild, alse oft as found guiltie, and ordaines this present act to be intimat throw the toune by the drum, which was accordinglie done.

16 *February* 1670.

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Defunct persons put in the chappill, or Grayfreir Kirk, to pey ten merkes.

The said day, the counsell considering that ther wer severall defunct persons put in the chapill wpon the Castlehill, and in the Gray Freir Kirk, brought from the countrie and keepit ther for ane nights tyme, which did tend greatlie to the accomodatione of them that ware concerneit in the said defunct persons, and the toune nowayes benefited therby; therfor ordaines that the relationes of any defunct persons, or who desyres the said libertie for them, sall pey for the said libertie, aither in the chappill or Gray Freir Kirk, ten merkes Scots money, without any exceptione of the defunct persons, which is to be imployed for wpholding of the said chappill and Gray Freir Kirk, in sua far as the same may extend, and to be addit to the respective charges.

23 *February* 1670.

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Persons nominat for the tryall of them that sould compet for the place of principall master of gramer scooll.

The said day, the councell takeing to considertione that the dyet appoyntit be the programe formerlie issued out for planting the place of principall master of gramer scooll of this brughe, wes Tuesday nixt the first of March, and that by the mortificatione of the deceist Patrick Dune, doctor of medicine, relateing thervnto, the tryall of the qualificatione of the haill maisters of the said scooll, wes committit to tuo of the ministers

of the said brughe, to be nominat be the councell, and to the principall and four regentis within the new colledge in the same, who being solemnlie sworne in presence of the councell, sould testifie the presentit, ane or mae, to be worthie and sufficientlie learnit and qualified for such ane place; therfor the councell nominat Mr John Menzies, professor of divinitie, and Mr David Lyell ane of the ministers of this burghe, with the said principall and regentis, to try the qualificatione of the persons that sall compet for the place of the principall master of the said scooll, and recomends to the councell to conveine the said day, and they to be acquant tymouslie for the effect aboue written.

23 Feb. 1670.

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1 *March* 1670.

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The said day, anent the petitione given in to the counsell and the other patrons of the mortificatione of the deceist Mr Patrick Dune, doctor of medicine, to the gramar scooll of this burghe, be Mr Johne Lyell, sone to Lyell, ane of the subtennants of the lands of Ferriehill, showing that wher by the said mortificatione it wes speciallie provydit, that if any of the mortifiers owin surname, or any of the sones of the tennents of Ferriehill, sould be found qualified for the place of master of gramar scooll in the said brughe, that they sould be preferrit without any contestatione; therfor seing he wes ane of the sonnes of the tennents of the lands of Ferriehill, humblie desyreing that they wold caus take tryall of his qualificatione, and being found qualified wold admitt him to the said charge without competitione or contestatione, conforme to the mortificatione: which petitione and mortificatione the counsell and patrons aforsaid haveing hard and considerit, finds the said Mr Johne Lyell not to be the sone of ane of the tennents of the lands of Ferriehill, his father being onlie ane graseman and subtennent, and had no laboring but ane craft of land, and was not ther tennent of the same but their taksmans; and therfor declaires him not preferrable, albeit qualified, without competitione, and in respect of his appeirance conforme to the edict, admitts him to tryall

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with others that sall compeir for that effect, and if qualified, *ceteris paribus*, to haue what is due by the mortificatione. Thomas Merser, late dean of gild, ane of the counsell, protestit in the contrar, alleadging the said Master John to be ane tennents sone, and therfor preferrable as aforsaid; the provest, for himselfe and in name of the counsell and patrons aforsaid, protestit in the contrar, for the reasones forsaid.

9 March 1670.

Act anent rebuilding of ane wall comonlie called the Wall of Spa.

9 *March* 1670.

The said day, anent the petitione given in to the counsell by Master Alexander Skeene of Newtyll, late baillie of the said brughe, showing that considdering everie bleessing bestowit be God on any place should be improvin for the publict good, and seing that medicinall wall at the Womanhill, commonly called the Wall of Spae, had been much neglectit thes severall yeires bygone, since the same wes stopit by the violent torrent of wateris which overturned it, after the same had been cairfullie buildit by ane inhabitant of this brughe, who had good prooff in his owne persone in cureing him of the stone, in memorie wherof be translated the same in ane more hansome way, with the portrature of sex apostles raisit on each syde of ane long hewin stone, with which ornaments it had been sett forth for the notable vertues with which thes wateris ware indued, in heiling such varietie of diseases, as ane printed book, set out by Doctor William Barklay in the year 1615, did demonstrat; and now the said spring appeiring in its wonted place, and the wateris found to be of the same qualitie, according to the said doctor his marks and prescryvit meines of tryall, and it being found that the said wall had not beene onlie ane former great bleessing, but evin many at this tyme had felt the good effectis therof in cureing the gravill, and stone in the kidnes and blader, the collicks in the stomack, when so violent that nothing else could, and also despirat lyke hydropsies; therfor desyreing the counsell that they wold be pleasit to permitt him to caus rebuild the said wall, in as comlie ane way as befor it had been, without any charge to them or the toune, and which

being done, that they wold take it as ther owne and preserve and manteine it in tyme comeing; and also that they wold caus reprint the said Doctor Barklayes book, which wold be about ane sheet of paper, with such testimonies as ther present phisitianes sould, at ther desyre, from thair knowledge and experience annex, wherby seeklie strangeris knowing of such ane free offer of health might make the more frequent resort to this brughe, and be made partakeris of the same goodnes of God with others, as in the petitione wes contenit.

9 March 1670. — Act anent rebuilding of ane wall comonlie called the Wall of Spa.

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16 March 1670. — Act anent the quakers meitings.

The said day, the counsell takeing to considderatione that notwithstanding of all former acts emittit against the quakers for keeping of thair meetings within this brughe, yet they did still continue in keeping of their saids meetings; therfor ordaines them of the men Quakers who sall be found at ane nixt meiting within this brughe to be apprehendit and imprisonit, ay and whill they obleidge themselves to forbear; and least notwithstanding the weeman Quakers may also conveine, ordaines the dores of the housses wher they ordinarlie meit to be keipit close, and the keyes therof takine from them, wherthrow this brughe may be free of thair conventiones.

30 *March* 1670.

30 March 1670. — Master Robert Skeine admittit principall master of the gramer scooll wpon report of his qualificatione.

The said day, compeirit in presence of the councell and remanent patrons befor namit of the mortificatione of the deceist Mr Patrick Dune, doctor of medicine, Mr James Leslie, principall of the Colledge Marischall in this burghe, Mr Johne Menzies, professor of divinitie, Mr David Lyell, ane of the ministers of the same, Masters Alexander Alexander, Robert Bruce, Robert Patersone, and Thomas Gray, regentis in the said Colledge, wha, conforme to the said mortificatione and the councells former act theranent, ware nominat for takeing tryall of the persones qualificatioune

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and abilitie for planting the vacand place of principall master of gramer scooll of this brughe, and maid report, that according to the said nominatioune and oath formarlie tenderit to them be the counsell, they had at severall dyets and occasiones, wpon mature deliberatioune, prescryvit seuerall poyntis of tryall, suitable and convenient, to Master Robert Skeine, scoolmaster at Banchorie, the onlie persone appeiring for the forsaid effect, and fund him qualified and capable for the charge of the principall master of the said scooll, which they declarit to be of treuth be uertcu of thair great oath, as said is: With the which report the counsell and remanent patrons above nameit of the said mortificatione being ryplie advysit, and therby finding the said Mr Robert Skeen able and qualified for the said charge; and withall, considering that by the forsaid mortificatione it wes ordanit and appoyntit that the intrant master, before his admissione to the said charge, sould giue oath to promove the good of the Colledge Marischall in this brughe, and to advyse his scollars to come to the same, and to preferr the same to all other colledges; and having callit the said Mr Robert befor them and accordinglie tenderit to him the said oath, as also signified to him the councells act before written, relateing to his abydeing in the said schooll: All which he willinglie accepting of, the councell and remanent patrons above nameit haue admittit and receavit, and be this present act admitts and receaues, the said Master Robert Skeine principall master of the said gramer scooll in this brughe, *ad vitam vel ad culpam*, or at least for the space of aught yeires, with and wpon the other conditiones, restrictiones, and provisiones particularlie aboue set doune, and exprest in the mortificatione of the said deceist Master Patrick Dune, and acts of counsell before mentionat, made theranent, and ordaines ane contract to be extendit theranent, in ample forme, to be subscryvit be the prouest, baillies, councell, and remanent patrons of the said mortificatione, and the said Master Robert Skein on the ane and wther parts.

27 *April* 1670.

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Act for ane loft in the new kirk to the seamen.

The said day, anent the petitione given in to the counsell be Thomas Boyes, Mathew Lumsden, John Nicolsone, Alexander Lumsden, William Harper, and William Taylour, skipperis, burgesses of the said brughe, for themselues, and in name of the remanent skipperis, and sea fairing men belonging to the same, mentioning that wher, as wes evidentlie knowin, persones of ther calling and imployment in all the royall brughes and incorporationes of this kingdome had ther accomodationes and seats in the churches allowit to them, yet never the les the skipperis and sea fairing men of this burghe, albeit ane considerable number, and that they did bear considerable burdine with thair neightbours, were altogither destitute of the lyke accomodatione; therfor desyreing the counsell that they wold be pleasit to consider the premisses, and to fall wpon some effectuall course for ther ease theranent; and seing ther wes comodious places betwixt the pillers in the south syde of the new church, wher with ther permissione they sould make wp ane loft in decent maner for the forsaid effect, which sould not in the leist be any wayes prejudiciall to the lights of the kirk, but rather tend to the decorement therof, that they wold be pleasit to grant them libertie to make wp ane loft betwixt any of the saids pillars, or in any wther place within the said church they sould find convenient, in such forme and maner as they sould set doune, which sould incourige them to carie and behave themselves as became, as in the petitione wes contenit: The counsell haveing come to the said new church, and haveing takine particular inspectione of the petitioners desyres, they find it is verie convenient they be accomodat, and have ane proper seat, and roume allotit and allowit to them for the effect above mentionat, and therfor haveing hard and considderit the supplicatione, and being maturlie advysit thairanent, they have given and grantit, and be these presents giues and grantis libertie and licence to the petitioners for themselues, and in name and for the behoove of the haill remanent skipperis and mariners

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within the said brughe, to erect and make wp ane loft in decent forme and maner, in the west most end of the said new church, directlie aboue the gramar schooll loft within the same, with power to them to bring ane rine jest towards the floor of the said church mid pillar on both sydes, to which the foir breist of the said loft is to come out, and no further, as also with power to them to make laigher the said gramer scooll loft if found neidfull for thair accomodatione, the same being alwayes done and made wp as before, wpon ther proper charges and expenssis, provyding alwayes that the said gramer scooll loft, if made lower, sall be of such hight as that persones of the highest stature may walk and stand wnder the same; as also that the said new loft to be made wp be the petitioners, be of lyke distance from the floor of the said gramer scooll loft, and recomends to the master of kirkwark to sie the premisses accordinglie done and observit in euerie poynt and conditione, as is above written.

18 May 1670.

Act defunct persons to be buried betuixt the rysing and setting of the sune.

18 *May* 1670.

The said day, the counsell considering that ther wes certaine abusses latlie comittit at the buriall of the laird of Drum's daughter, within the kirks of this brughe, betuixt ten and elevin houres at night, tuo persons being woundit, and as was informeit seuerall superstitious ceremonies vseit, and that the same wes partlie occasioned by the permissione of the lyke at such untymous occasiones, and not keeping closs the kirk dores before or after sunesetting; therfor for preventing the lyke in tyme comeing, ordaines that no defunct persons whither strangers or inhabitants of this brughe be buried or interred within the kirks, or kirk yeard of the same, or territories therof, except betwixt the ryseing and setting of the sune, both in the summer and winter tymes, wnder the payne of three hundreth merks Scots monie, to be payit be the contraveiners. . .

6 *July* 1670.

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Mr William Mitchell electit catechist in the Trinitie Chappill.

The said day, anent the supplicationo given in to the counsell be Alexander Ettershank, deacone convenair of the traids of the said brughe, William George, deacone of the hamermen, Alexander Charles, deacone of the wrights and couperis, William Chapman, deacon of the baxteris, Patrick Walker, deacone of the taylouris, and Robert Menie, deacone of the shoemakeris, of the same for themselues, and in name and behalfe of the freemen of thair seuerall traids, mentioning that wher they had seuerall tymes supplicat the councell of the said brughe to nominat and appoynt ane fitt persone to catechise and instruct the people of the samen in the Trinite Chappill, which hitherto had provin ineffectuall; therfor againe renewing thair desyres, and humblie intreating that the counsell wold be pleasit to nominat and elect ane qualified persone to officiat in the said deutie vnce in the week, wpon any day they sould find expedient, and wheron ther sould be no publict worshipe in any other of the tounes churches, and to appoynt to him ane hundreth punds Scotis money yeirlie, of present sallarie, payable be them vntill they sould be further able, and that the offerings that sould be collectitt, at the said church dore, be honest persons of the respectiue traids, might be applyed, the on halfe for manteining and wphalding the fabrick of the said chappill, and the other halfe of the same to such wse as the counsell sould find expedient, as in the said petitione subscryvit with thair hands at lenth wes contenit; which petitione the counsell having hard and considerit, and haueing made ane list of certaine able persons, fitt and qualified for going about the said deutie, they nominat and elect Master William Mitchell, preacher of the gospell, to be catechist and lectorer in the said Trinitie Chappill, during the counsellis pleasure, wpon such ane weeklie dyet as heirafter sall be condiscendit wpon be the counsell, with and vpon the conditions above written, and others to be aggreed wpon betuixt the counsell and the saids traids, and remitts to the magistrats to caus extend ane formall contract theranent.

22 Sept. 1670.

Act approving protestatione contra ratificatione in parliament of the libertie of the Kings Colledge.

22 *September* 1670.

The said day, the councell approves of ane protestatioun takin be the provest ther comissioner at parliament against ane ratificatione of the priviledges of the Kings Colledge of Aberdeine, and recomends to the provest to cause extract the same to be putt among the records of this brughe.

27 Oct. 1670.

Act against fleshers killing on the streets.

27 *October* 1670.

The said day, the councell considering that the fleshers within this brughe, notwithstanding of former acts and prohibitiones, did kill ther fleshes wpon the streets, and did hing out the same befor and under staires, towards the foir street, which wes verie vndecent to be seene in ane civill incorporatione and burghe; therfor of new ordaines . . . that no flesher within this brughe kill or slay any of the fleshes upon the streets, or befor ther dores looking therunto, or hing out the same wnder foir-staires in tyme comeing. . .

22 Feb. 1671.

Act for redressing of certaine abusses in the gramer scooll.

22 *February* 1671.

The said day, the councell taking to consideratione certain overtures proposit by Mr Alexr. Skeine, ane of the baillies of the said brughe, and others of ther number, appoyntit visitours of the scoollis of the same for this yeir, for redres of severall abuses laitlie arisen therein, and particularlie in the gramer scool, whereby the scollars therof sustainit great prejudice and stop of their learneing, first, in that the doctors did change from one class to another each quarter: therfor that it wold be expedient that euerie on of the saids doctors in the said scool sould begine with the scollars that he receaves at the four respective quarters of each yeir, and teach them their rudiments and gramer untill they ware fitt to ascend to the masters class; and seing in the three years tyme the scollars comeing at the Rude

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Day and Lambmes cannot be so far advanceit as thay that come at Hallowday and Candlemes, that ther doctor haveing delyverit wp the hallowdayes scollars to the masteris class, he may begine to receave the new scollars in the elementarie at the hallowday, as also perfect the rest of his former classis, and alwayas as he receaves euerie quarter a new class, so he may giue of the class of his former course everie quarter to the masters; and if any boy, thorow neglect or hardnes of ingyne, come short of his fellow, be advyce of the visitors, he ought to discend, or with consent of the parents, to be vnder the other master that teaches nixt to that class, and so euerie thrid yeir, each doctor of the said scool is to receave the scollars of ane haill year, and at the four generall quarters *per vices*, and this is to goe wp with his owine scollaris to the masteris class; as also the said scollers sustainit prejudice by the principall master and doctors ther appoynting ane of the said doctors hepdomatar in the said school weeklie, for exercising of discipline, wherby the same wes onlie done but vpon Saturday each week, in the foirnoone: therfor that it ware expedient that the principall master and doctors of the said scooll exercise discipline once everie tuentie four hours vpon the scollars vnder ther respective charges; and further, that for the saids doctors better accomodatione and incouragement, that it ware expedient that each on of them sould have libertie everie thrid week to prosecute ther privat studies in their chambers, provyding they did all punctuallie keepe their dyets of teacheing, examining, and discipline each day in the said scooll, so that the principall master and tuo of the doctors ar alwayes to atend in the said scooll; and the forsaid indulgence is fitt to be grantit to them in respect that place is not possiblie alwayes to be setlit vpon them; and to the effect they may not be tempted to neglect their dutie weeklie, they ar to have the said three weeks indulgence; and sielyke ther was ane abuse in the said scooll, the principall masters nor doctors did not come to ther atendance therein whill sevin or aught hours in the morneing each day: Therfor it ware expedient that on of the saids doctors sould each day be in the said scooll at sex hours in the morneing, and the scollars when they came to the scool sould not be

22 Feb. 1671.

Act for redressing of certaine abusses in the gramer scooll.

idle, and that the principall master and remanent doctors sould all convein in the said scooll each day befor sevin hours in the morneing; as also, that upon the ordinar play dayes, and at other tymes, when the schollars of the said scholl did get the play, it was informed that by ther not having the principall master, or at least on of the doctors constantlie with them, they did not onlie make disturbances and outbreakings among themselves, but also with the schollars of the gramer schooll of the old toune, as was latlie fund: therefor that it ware expedient that the principall master, or at least on of the vnder masters or doctoris, or more of the same, sould be at such tymes constantlie attending the said schollars, and sould cause them keepe the ordinarie places of playing, and vseing such recreations as sould not be prejudiciall to themselues or ther fellowes; all which the counsell having hard, and having takine the same to ther consideratione, finds the forsaid overtures and proposallis very expedient and necessar to be observit for remeid of the forsaid abussis, and therfor approves of the same, and ordains and appoynts that in tyme coming they be accordinglie performed; and leist the forsaid present change sould breid debait and animosities among the said doctors, allows them to continue with ther classes for this present quarter whill the rude day nixt as they ar at present, and therafter to observe the forsaid rules preseryvit theranent.

22 *March* 1671.

22 March 1671.

Alex. Andersone admittit to read and say the prayers in the Trinitie Chappell.

The said day, anent the petitione gevin in to the councell be William Scott, wright, as deacone convener of the traids of the said brughe, for himselfe, and in thair name, mentioning that wher the saids traides ware of intentione, with the councells libertie and permissione, to improve that mortificatione left to the Trinitie Chappill, at leist by haueing ane qualified persone to read ane portione of Scripture, with the ordinarie prayers morneing and evening each day therin, and therfor did nominat, by thair said petitione to the counsell, tuo persons, viz., John Gormack and Alexr. Andersone, scoolmasteris in this burghe, that the counsell might choise

and authorise on of them for the forsaid effect, as also that they wold appoynt the bell of the said Trinitie Chappill to be rung at the ordinar dyets therof, as in the petitione wes conteinit, which the counsell considdering, they heirby nominat and elect the said Alexander Andersone to exercise the forsaid deutie in the said chappill, and remitts him to the traids of the said brughe to geue him such sallarie for his service as they sall find convenient.

22 March 1671. — Alex. Andersone admittit to read and say the prayers in the Trinitie Chappell.

2 *May* 1671.

2 May 1671. — The magistrates to recave the Lords of Justiciary at the Bowbridge.

The said day, the counsell understanding that the Lords Commissioners of Justiciarie for the circuit court wer vpon their journey, and to be heir to-morrow, finds it incumbent vpon them to giue them due attendance as supream judges vnder his Maiestie, and therfor recomends to the magistrats to wait vpon them at the Bowbridge, for conveying them to thair lodgings, and the toune serjands to goe before them with their halberts discoverit, and about ane hundreth of the inhabitants to be in good ordour in armes for thair receptione and convayence to thair lodgings, and fyftein out of each quarter to atend in the day time, as ane guard, as also that the militia company atend thair receptione bewest the Bow bridge for that effect; and Arthur Dalgardnoe, to be Leivtennent to the militia company, and John Wells to the tounes company, and Master Thomas Forbes, sone to Robert Forbes, baillie, to be ensigne bearer to the tounes company, and Master Alexr. Robertsone, clerk depute, to be ensigne to the militia companie, and the mariadge dask, and dask vpon the eist part therof, in the old kirk, as also the Chalmers dask ther, and the Reid loft, as also the mariadge, Menzes, and Rutherfurds dasks in the new church to be coverit with cushoons and carpits, in handsome forme wpon the Lords day, and week dayes, and other occasions neidfull.

22 May 1671.

Baillie Mollesone to attend the muster at Kintore.

22 *May* 1671.

The said day, the councell appoynts Gilbert Mollesone, baillie, to attend the muster at Kintoir, vpon Tuesday nixt, of the militia regiment of this shyre, and advert that this brughe be not prejudgit in any thing relating to ther company, and the thesaurer to pay his charges which sall be allowit in his accompts.

Eodem die.

Dalgardno to be ensigne bearer.

Eodem die.

The said day, the councell nominats and elects Arthur Dalgardno, burges of this brughe, ensigne bearer of the tounes militia company, and recomends to the magistrats to call for him for accepting of the said charge.

5 July 1671.

Act anent the number of witnesses at baptisms.

5 *July* 1671.

The said day, the magistrats and councell of the said brughe, taking to consideratione that notwithstanding of seuerall former acts and statutes, made be ther predecessoris, appoynting onlie four witnesses of men, and alse many of weemen to be at the baptisme of ilk child baptised within the kirks of this brughe, yet neuertheles the saids acts ware greatlie contraveined, and it was ofttime fund that by too great conventiones of persones vpon that accompt, alse weell of men as weemen, both the inviters and the invited ware at more then necessar charges; therfor the saids magistrats and councell not onlie ratifies and approves the former acts and statuts of their predecessors in that behalfe, but also of new statutes and ordaines, that no inhabitant within this brughe, of what someuer qualitie or conditione, invite or desyre any further witnessis to the baptisme of their childerin, but onlie four men and four weemen, with four weemen more to accompany the child to and from the church, with certificatione to all persones, inviters or any in their names who sall be found to contraveine, that they sall pay ane vnlaw of ane rex dollour to the dean of gild of this burghe, for ilk persone aboue that number, to be wptakine with-

out any forbearance, and ordaines thir presents to be intimat from the pulpits the nixt Lords day, to the effect non pretend ignorance.

5 July 1671.

5 *July* 1671.

5 July 1671.

Anent the raite to be payit at comone brydells.

The said day, the saids magistrats and councell alse considdering that ther wes ane abusse within this burghe, too long tollerat, to the prejudice of the inhabitants of the same, in that prentessis, servants, and people of miner sort entering in mariadge togither, did make comone brydells, and did frequentlie invite great numbers of persones to the same, who not onlie to ther own great loss, but also to the prejudice of the commone weell of this burghe, did too larglie give out ther meines, albeit many of them had no relatione to the parties maried, but onlie following the example of them who possiblie ware nearlie concerneit; Therfor, for remeid quherof the magistrats and councell heirby statutes, inacts, and ordaines that no persone whatsomeuer invited or present at any such brydells or maradges within this brughe, in tyme comeing, pay or giue out any more money vpon the forsaid accompt then threttein shilling four pennies ilk persone at most, whither at dennar or supper, with certificatione to all who sall contraveine, that the persone contraveineing sall pay ten merks money forsaid, quherof the one halfe to the dean of gild of this brughe, for the vse of the toune, and the vther halfe to the dilatour, which is to be exactly takin wp without any diminutione, and ordaines thir presents to be intimat thorrow the toune by the drum.

19 *July* 1671.

19 July 1671.

Warrand to the magistrats to imped the militia souldiers to ingadge with the French captaine.

The said day, the councell recomends to the magistrats to put the proclamatione anent the ontaking of prentisses, servands, militiamen or wthers with any of the French captaines laitlie come to this brughe to executioune; and if the saids captains or any in ther name sall indeavor to ingadge them, or to insnare any such person or persons who have

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young childerin, who from want of their parents may be ane burdine to this burghe, that the saids magistrats interpone their authoritie for redres, and for restitutione of such persones, wheranent the councell oblidge them to releive the magistrats, and of all that sall follow thervpon.

26 July 1671.

Anent the Shirreff-depute.

26 *July* 1671.

The said day, the counsell considdering that Mr John Forbes, shirreff-depute of this shyre, did postpone and delay to administer justice wpon persons attachit be him in the shyre for malefices, and did not put them to ane tryall, quherthrow they both starvit for hunger, and sometymes necessitat to break prisone for ther releife, to the great prejudice of the toune, as also that he was insinuating some incroatchments wpon the liberties and priviledges of the magistrats of this brughe and freedome, who ware shirreffs within themselves, therfor recomends to Master Alexander Skene, and Gilbert Mollesone, tuo of the baillies of the said brughe, to goe to the Earle Marshell, shirreff-principall, and represent to him the forsaid particulars with any other necessar theranent, and desyre rectificatione therof.

1 Nov. 1671.

The toune to be in readines to the buriall of the Earl Marischall.

1 *November* 1671.

The said day, the councell considering that they had receavit ane leter schowing that ane noble earle, William Earle Marischell, was departit this lyfe, and desyreing them and this brughe that they wold be pleasit to giue them their convoyance to his interment in his ordinr buriall place, the sexteint day of this instant, ordaines and appoynts the magistrats and councell to attend the said corps, and intimatioune to be made to the inhabitants of the toune for the forsaid effect.

29 *November* 1671.

29 Nov. 1671.

A Quaker tradesman banished from the burgh for burying his child in a kailyard.

The said day, the councell being informit that Thomas Milne, cordiner, ane profest Quaker, hade buried ane deid chyld of his the last Lords day in the afternoone, in ane kell yard, in the eist syd of the Gallowgate of this brughe, which before was never made vse of nor appropriat to ane buriall place, and withall considering that it wes ane dangerous preparative, and might tend very prejudiciale to the vpholding of the fabrick of the kirks of this brughe, to permitt any part of the incorporatioune of this brughe to have any other buriall place besyds the comon and ordinarie buriall place for the haill inhabitants of the toune, which alwayes heirtofoir had been so made vse of, without any separatioune or divisione therfrom, by any part of the bodie of the toune; therfor efter matur deliberatione and consideratione tacking of the premisses, ordains and appoynts the corps of the said chyld to be tackin out of the said lair, and caried to Futtie Chapell buriall place, and interrit thairin, and in respect the said Thomas Milne hade contemptuouslie buried the corps of his said chyld in the forsaid place, therby indeavouring to macke ane separatioune and devisioune in this burgh vpon the said accompt, wherof the lyke hade not been formerlie attemptit, the said councell be thair presents deprayvs the said Thomas Milne of all freedom and liberty within this brughe in any tyme comeing, and ordaines his chope dore to be closit vp, and himselfe to be removit out of this brughe and fredome therof, within ane moneths tyme thairefter, as alse the councell vnderstanding that the Quakers within this brughe hade causit built great dycks of stone and morter about the said yard, whair the corps of the said chyld wes buried, and hade made ane great closse gate thervpon, therby intending, as did appear, to appropriat the same to them for the lyke vse in tyme comeing, which if not preventit wold be ane dangerous, and ane vnhard of preparative, and might have many evill effects following the same, and therfor ordaines and appoynts the saids dycks to be demolishit and cast doune, and not to be rebuilt in

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tyme comeing for that intent, and the said councell is to goe to the said ground themselues for seing the premisses accordinglie gone about.

16 April 1672.

Libertie grantit to Patrick Kilgour knock-macker.

16 *April* 1672.

The said day, anent the supplicatioune given in to the councell be Patrick Kilgour, knockmacker in the said toune, mentioneing that quhair he being desyred be some of ther number to come to this brughe for goeing about his imployment therin, he held it his duetie to obey ther desyres, and that if they sould be pleasit to accept of his service, and to admitt him frieman of his calling, and grant him friedome of publict burdens for his lifetyme, for what might concerne his imployment, and give him assurance thairanent, he sould indeavour to carie and behave himselfe duetifullie as became; and withall in further testimony of his respects for the credit and good of this brughe, he sould oblige himselfe to macke and delyver vnto them befor Lambes nixt, ane knock of brase about the bignes of ane hous knock, which sould be ane pendulum of the best forme, which sould goe aught days at once winding vp, and sould strick the hours punctuallie, and sould haue ane good bell, with the motione of the day of the moneth, and sould haue on pais, and sould stand no higher from the floor than the height of ane man, and he sould oblige himselfe that the knock sould be alse sufficient and handsome as any knock made elswher, and that he sould vphold the same good and sufficient during his aboad in this brughe, as in the said supplicatione wes contenit, which the councell haueing hard and considerit, they agrie and condiscends that the petitioner sall haue frie libertie for goeing about his calling and imployment within the said brughe, and that he sall be frie of any taxations or impositions within the same, in so far as may concerne his calling during his lifetyme, he always giveing assurance for performance of what is aboue mentionat, to be done be him betwixt and the tyme aboue exprest, in maner aboue sett doune, and no otherways; Lykas Patrick Moir, baillie, Alexander Gordon, master of kirk wark, John Andersoue, William Thomsone, and

Robert Clerk, persons of the councell, dissasented that the said Patrick Kilgour sould be frie from taxations within the said brughe, for his calling, for any tyme comeing. 16 April 1672.

17 *April* 1672. 17 April 1672.

The said day, the councell considering the imenent danger of this brughe, be reasine of forraine enimies, therfor for beter saffitie and preservatione of the same, finds it convenient that ane constant watch of the inhabitants be setled, of about thretie men ilk night, begining at Futtie quarter, and no person to be absent in their vice without sicknes, necessar absence, or vther lawfull excuse, vnder paine of thretie shilling Scots money ilk tyme, or imprisonement of ther persones fourtie aught hours. Ane watch appoyntit.

Eodem die. Eodem die.

The said day, the councell for further defence of this brughe, and to the effect the inhabitants therof may be in beter postur, ordains intimatioune to be maid be the drum thorow the severall quarters therof, that the haill inhabitants be provydit with armes, pouder, and ball, and in readines whensoever they sall be called, and to the effect the severall companies and quarters of the toune may be beter regullat, ordered, and comandit, nominats and appoynts the respective captans, lyvtennents, and encients of the severall quarters wnder writtin, viz:—Gilbert Mollesone, late baillie, captane of the Futtie quarter, Walter Robertsone, lait baillie, captane of the Grein quarter, John Wells, captane of the Crooked quarter, Master Thomas Forbes, sone to Robert Forbes, provest, captane of the Even quarter, Robert Burnet, elder, John Seatoun, William Robertsone, younger, sone to Charles Robertsone, baillie, and William Brught, lyvtennents, John Moir, sone to Patrick Moir, baillie, enseing bearer for Futtie quarter, John Sandilands, sone to the deceist Mr James Sandilands, toun clerk of the said brughe, the lyke for the Grein quarter, Walter Robert- The inhabitants to be armed.

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sone, sone to the said Charles Robertsone, for the Crooked quarter, Andro Skene, sone to Andro Skene, lait deane of gild, for the Even quarter.

30 May 1672.

Act for puting the toun in poster of defence.

30 *May* 1672.

The said day, the councell for beter saffitie and defens of this brughe in tyme of warr, finds it expedient that the inhabitants therof be in sutable postur, and trained vp and exercised, and therfor ordains and appoynts all the inhabitants forsaid betwixt saxtie and sextein, to be in armes vpon aduertisment of such tyms of generall or particular musteris, as sall be found convenient by the magistrats and councell, vnder the paine of fyve punds Scots money ilk persone, to be payit to the deane of gild for the vse of the toune, or to be imprisonit fyve days, the old magistrats and such persons as the councell sould think fitt, being exempted, except onlie to attend the magistrats with ther swords about them; and with all appoynts that ther be ane muster of the inhabitants of ilk quarter once in the moneth, vnder the forsaid penaltie and censure, and that ther be ane generall muster vpon Tuesday nixt, and the drum to goe thorow the toune for intimating of the premisses.

1 June 1672.

A Quaker child buried in the Gallowgate to be re-interred in Futtie Kirkyard.

1 *June* 1672.

The said day, the councell vnderstanding that Thomas Milne, shoemacker, ane Quaker, hade this day in the morneing buried ane deid chyld of his in ane parcell of ground in the eist syde of the Gallowgate, of the said brughe which wes always berfor ane kell yard, and considering that he had done the same contrair to ane act of councell of this burghe befoir intimat to him and the rest of the Quakers that wer ther present, and that by doeing therof he did infringe the liberties of the toune and increatched thervpon, to the great prejudice of the revenew of the kirk, which was appoyntit for vpholding the fabrick therof, wherof the pryces for the lairs of burialls payable be all the inhabitants wes ane part: ther-

for ordanis the corps of the said chyld to be tackin vp out of the said kell yard at tuo hours this day, and laide in the yard of the chappell of Futtie, which is ane ordinar buriall place, and with all amerciats the said Thomas for his contempt and irregular procedour tuentie punds Scots money, to be payit to the deane of gild for the vse of the toune, and ordaines himselfe to be imprisoned whill the said fyne be payit, or his goods poyndit to the value therof, as also ordains ane former act wherby the said Thomas is depryvit of his freedom, and ordanit to remove out of the toune to, be put in executioune.

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A Quaker child buried in the Gallowgate to be reinterred in Futtie Kirkyard.

1 *June* 1672.

1 June 1672.

The ancient burial places to be resorted to, and the walls of the Quakers burial place demolished.

The said day, the councell tacking to their serious consideratione that wher this brughe in all aiges bygone, euer since the same wes ane incorporatione and royall brughe, which is now about aught hundreth yeirs agoe, hath hade ane generall and common buriall place for bureing thair deid, not onlie in the ordinarie kirks therof, but also in ane considerable plate of ground round about the saids kirks, commonlie called the kirkyard; for libertie wherof, and for vpholding ane pairt of the fabrick of the kirks and dycks about the said kirkyard, which were great and uerie expensiue, certane small raits had always bein vsuallie payit by all those whose defunct persons wes interred in the said buriall place, according to their aige, qualitie, and conditione, and the inhabitants of the said brughe did always burie thair deid in the said common bureing place: yet neuertheles of late, certane persons, both men and women, inhabitants of the said brughe, professing the principles of them called Quakers, rejecting the publiet ordinance of divyne worship, and calling the kirks steiple housses, and abstracting any contributione for vpholding therof, hade withdrawin from bureing ther defunct persons in the said common buriall places, and hade designit and erectit to themselues ane buriall place in ane peice of ground in the eist syde of the Gallowgate, immediatlie befor and in all tyme bygone ane kellyard, wherin they haue, contrar to all good order

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observit in all civill incorporationes, and particularlie in this brughe, and contrar to all former laudable customs and practise within the same, in ane contemptuous way, efter prohibitione, buried, and intendit to burie as occasione offerit, thair deid, holding it vnlawfull for them and contrar to ther light to owne any ground that hade beine consecratit and superstitiouslie set apart for that, as they alledgit this brughes common buriall place wes, and sua intending to separat themselues and to macke ane wther incorporatione, wherby the saids provest, baillies, and councell did not onlie find ane rupter and divisione inevitable to occur by the forsaids persons if not preventit, but also that the vpholding of the fabrick of the kirks of the said brughe wold be greatumlie damnified and prejudgit, and the old good former order and practise of the same observit in all tyme bygone overturnit by ane part of the inhabitants therof, haue therfor vpon serious and mature deliberatione of the haill premisses, statut and ordanit, and heirby statuts and ordanis, that the former antient accustomit buriall place of the said brughe, which is and hath bein in all tyme bygane the Old and New Kirks of the same, and that plate of ground round about the saids kirks, commonlie called the kirkyard, sall be and is in all tyme comeing holdin, repute, and declaired the common buriall place for all and whatsumeuer defunct persons within the said brughe, and departing this lyfe therin, and that ther sall not be in any tyme comeing any other buriall place within the said brughe designit, erectit, or made vse of, and that no persons whatsomeuer within the same departing this lyfe therin, sall burie ther defunct and deid in any other buriall place vpon whatsomeuer pretext, but onlie in the said common buriall place of this brughe, for payment of the ordinarie raits appoyntit theranent, to be applyit for the effect aboue exprest, without speciall libertie and licence hade and obtainit from the magistrats and councell of the said brughe for the said effect, with certificatione to all who sall erect or macke vp any vther buriall place for interment of ther deid, or sall not macke vse of the said common buriall place as aforsaid, that they sall be fyned in such pecuniall mulcts and penalties as the magistrats and councell of the said brughe sall find expedient to imploye,

and the saids bureing places erectit be them demolished and overturned, and withall ordaines and appoynts the dycks of the said new designit buriall place by the said Quakers in the eist syde of the said Gallowgate, which wes befor ane kellyard, to be demolishit and brockin doun, and the same ground to be applyed to its former vse, or any other vse not prejudiciall to the liberties and privileges of the said brughe.

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10 *July* 1672.

10 July 1672.

The fensable men of the Crooked quarter to be in arms at the buriall of ther captaine.

The said day, the councell considering that it hath pleasit God in his over ruleing providence to remove by death John Wells, ane of the captans of this brughe for the Crooked quarter, and therfor in respect he died in the said charge and wes ane deserving persone, ordanis and appoynts that the fencable men of the said Crooked quarter be in armes at the buriall and interment of his corps, and that they convoy him in that postur therunto; and withall recomends that it be considerit who may be ane fitt persone for supplieing of the said place.

19 *July* 1672.

19 July 1672.

Robert Skene appoyntit keeper of the leter office.

The said day, the councell considering that delay in nominating and setleing ane postmaster and keeper of the leter office of this brughe, in the deceist John Wells his vice might be prejudiciall to that interest, . . . and withall haueing sure knowledge of the qualifications and abilities of Robert Skene, younger, merchand in the said brughe, laufull sone to Andro Skene of Ruthrastoun, for exerceing of the said office, . . . appoynts the said Robert Skene keeper of the said leter office, and to the haill dues and emoluments therof, for the space of fyve yeirs from his entrie therto, provyding the magistrats and councell of the said brughe ther right from Patrick Grahame of Inchbracko sould so long continue, the said Robert paying always yeirlie therfor to the thesaurer of the said brughe for the

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Robert Skene appoyntit keeper of the leter office.

use of the toune fyve pund sterling money, as also caricing and transporting the leters belonging to the provest, baillies, and councell upon the accompt of the publict effairs of the toune, to and from Edinburgh frielie without payment of any postage therfor, as also furnishing them with the Weiklie Gazet and news leters frielie and without any payment. . .

12 March 1673.

Act in favors of the militia company.

12 *March* 1673.

The said day, the councell considering the petition of the militia company belonging to this brughe, desyreing immunitie of the burdens of excyse and taxation within the same, in respect of thair painis and service as souldiers in the said company, and of the immunities thai alledgit due to them vpon the said accompt, as wes particularlie mentionat in thair petitione, ordanis and appoynts that for the tyme to come ilk person of the said militia company who wes taxed in fourtie shilling Scots and vnder the same of taxation, to be altogither freed and exonered therof during ther service in the said company; and any of them that sould be taxed aboue that for thair traid and handiework, sall haue fourtie shilling money forsaid of ther taxation past and given doun to them for the caussis and during the tyme forsaid: Declairing always the forsaid indulgence and favor noways to extend to or concerne any of ther houssis or heretages within this brughe, or brewing within the same, but the houssis, heretages, and brewing to be lyable to taxation and vther burdens as formerly, as if they wer not listed in the said company; as also declairing the forsaid exemption to continow during the councells pleasor, and noways to be includit in the last taxatioun or in any bygone restand taxationes payable be any of them.

19 *March* 1673.

19 March 1673.

Summonds to be raiset against Francis Irvine of Hiltoun and others for bracking of the Tolbuith.

The said day, the councell vnderstanding that Frances Irvine of Hiltoun, and severall other persons, prisoners for certane debts within the Tolbuith of this brughe, hade laitlie, in the night tyme, brocken the vpper part of the pend of the said Tolbuith and chamber wherin they wer, and made ane holl by tacking out certane of the keystones therof and come doun to the laich Tolbuith by ane tow, and hade brocken open the eistmost dore of the said Tolbuith and escaped, as wes cleirlie manifested and made known to the said councell; and withall considering that the said pend wes never befor brockin, nether any such way of escape fallin vpon by any of the prisoners within the said Tolbuith, and that the said hous, in the dors, locks, windowes, pends, and all other parts therof wes, at any tyme of their escape sufficient, and that the reparation therof befoir it could be againe made in good condition and secure, wold stand vast and great expenssis, besydes the afront and abusse done to the toun in the said mater; and withall considering that the bracking of the kings prison housse wes ane cryme lyable to sever punishment and pecuniall mulct, conforme to severall Acts of Parliament made theranent and practise of this kingdome: therfor ordanis and appoynts summonds to be raised befor the Justice-Generall against the said Frances Irvine and the other persons guiltie in the forsaid bussines for the forsaid effect, and the same to be prosecute with all diligence, and the thesaurer to deburs the expenssis theranent, and the same to be allowit in his accomptis.

Eodem die.

Eodem die.

The Tolbuith to be repaired.

The said day, the councell ordanis the dean of gild to caus repair the Tolbuith and prison hous, in so farr as the same can be gone about for the present; as also to caus mack timber dors to the steiple of the Tolbuith, and repair any other faults therin, for keeping out the raine; and

19 March 1673. — what he disburssis anent any of the premisses, the same to be allowed in his accomptis.

19 March 1673.

Anent the officers duetie at the Tolbuith.

19 *March* 1673.

The said day, the councell ordanis that in tyme comeing the toun serjands of this brughe be cairfull and dilligent in ther duetie of attending on the Tolbuith and prison hous at all tyms and occasions necessar, according to ther severall vices, and that they nightlie tack inspection of the dors, locks, windowes, walls, floors, and all other parts therof, if the same be sure and sufficient, and if they find any defect theranent that they instantlie report the same to the magistrats, and that they each night dewyde the prisoners in severall roums and chambers, and lock the severall dors of the chambers vpon them vntill the morneing; and that they abstaine from all extraordinarie drinking, or any other thing whatsumeuer, which may imped or withdraw them from their duetie, with certificatioun if they be fund to contravein any of the premissis that they sall be depryved of their offices, and they and their cautioners made lyable for macking vp any prejudice sustenit in any of the forsaids particulars in ther defaults.

26 March 1673.

The catbands to be made vse of for the publict vse of the toune.

26 *March* 1673.

The said day, the councell considering that thair is in the studies of the laich councell hous, in the dean of gilds custodie, the iron catbands made for securitie of the ports of the toune, which were vsles and unemployed, and that the publict works of the toune stood in neid of considerable iron: therfor ordanis the said iron bands to be maid vse of for the forsaid effect, so long as they continue, and the dean of gild to give out same be weght, and to tack cair how the same ar imployed.

26 *March* 1673.

26 March 1673.

The said day, the councell recommends to Captain John Anderson to tacke inspection of the sufficiencie and conditioun of the blockhous at the Sandness, least it may fall out by the invasion of forrane enimies in this tyme of ware that ther may be adoe therwith for defence of the toune; as also that he tack inspection of the powder and armes in the magizine hous in the Tolbuith, and to mack report to the councell.

The blockhous to be sighted.

23 *April* 1673.

23 April 1673.

The said day, the councell considering ther former act anent the demolishing the dycks of the Quakers hoffe, in the eist syde of the Gallowgate, and that in prosecution therof John Scott, ane of the baillies of the said brughe, haueing beèn informed that Alexr. Harper, burges of this burghe, was causeing rebuild the saids dycks, had put stope therunto, and hade ordanit the same to be demolished, which wes done, approves of the said baillie his procedor in the said bussines, and as befor ordaines the saids dycks not to be rebuilt in any tyme heirafter, vnles the hereter of the said ground oblige him that the said hoffe sall not be imployed for bureing the corps of any persons in any tyme comeing.

Act anent the Quakers hoffe in the eist syde of the Gallowgate.

21 *May* 1673.

21 May 1673.

The said day, the councell considering that danger might occurr by forrane enimies, therfor to the effect vpon all occasions advertisment may be given to the cuntrie round about, ordains the fyre bitt at the chappell to be in readines and coalls caried therto, and ane constant watche of tuentie four persons to be in the Blockhous from sevin hours in the morneing to sevin hours at night, and to begine vpon Freday nixt, and ilk inhabitant to be present himselfe, without ane lawfull excuse of seiknes

Ane watch appoyntit at the blockhous.

21 May 1673.

or being out of the toun, in which caices they may be permitted to furnish ane man for them, vnder certification to the contraviners contenit in former acts.

15 October 1673.

Ane collection to be at the kirk dores for the observatorie at Saint Androis.

15 *October* 1673.

The said day, Master Alexander Skene, ane of the regents of Saint Andrewes, significing to the councell that Master James Gregorie, professor of mathematicks ther, that ther wes ane considerable work intendit in that airt, which before being brought to ane perfectione wold stand considerable moneyes, and that seuerall incorporations and universities hade contributeit therto, and seing the said professor wes ane touns man heir, it wes expectit by all concerneit, and humblie desyrit be him, that this brugh wold contribut to the furtherance of the said work: all which the councell considering, finds it incumbent upon them not to be wanting for advancement of the said effair in so far as they ar lyable, and therfor appoynts ane collectione to be at the kirk dores . . . the nixt or subsequent Lords day for the forsaid effect. . .

4 March 1674.

Anent the buriall of the Earle Erroll.

4 *March* 1674.

The said day, the councell considering ane letter from the Earle of Erroll, showing that it hade pleasit God in his over ruleing providence to remove by death Gilbert, Earle of Erroll, his and that vpon Thursday nixt he wes to be interrit in ther buriall place at Slaynes, and desyreing that the counsell wold conferr wpon him his last honor, to convoy him to his grave, ordaines and appoynts themselves, with ane competent number of persons out of ilk quarter, with the deacons of the traids, and such others of them as they sould think fitt, to be in readines against the said day, for convoying the corps of the said deceist Earle to his grave.

20 *May* 1674.

20 May 1674.

Libertie to Ogilvie of ane comone cookrie.

The said day, the councell wpon the petitione given in to them be Williame Ogilvie, comone cook, for the effect efter specifiet, grants libertie and permission to him to set wp and erect ane comone cookrie chope within this brughe, wher he sall find expedient for service of all persons as occasione sall occurre, for ther owne payment, and that dureing the councells pleasure and his good behaviour.

30 *September* 1674.

30 Sept. 1674.

Ane watch appoynted.

The said day, the councell considering that in the winter tyme severall louse and desolat people did comonlie vse to break boothes and chopes in the night tyme, and to take away with them the inhabitants goods, to ther great prejudice; as also that ther wes some considerable prisoners within the Tolbuith who might possiblie indeavor to escape in the night tyme: for remeid of all which inconveniencies, ordaines ane nightlie watch of sex men to be in the laich tolbuith dureing the continuance of the short night in the winter tyme, and that the said watch begine about the midle of October nixt, and continue dureing the councells pleasure, and that all persons warneit thairto be the tounes serjands, beginning at the Futtie quarter, atend the dyets, and that no persone be absent without ane lawfull excuse, and withall that ane sufficient persone be furnished for ilk persone absent.

11 *November* 1674.

11 Nov. 1674.

A letter from the Lord Chancellor for the liberation of two Quakers.

Followes ane letter and ordor from the Chancellor for liberatione of certaine Quakers out of the Tolbooth.

Affectionat freinds, Ther being a bill presented to the Councell in behalfe of Thomas Dockey and William Gelley, Quakers, in the tolbooth of your brughe for being at ane disorderlie meiting, supplicating for libertie,

11 Nov. 1674.

A letter from the LordChancellor for the liberation of two Quakers.

the Lords of Councell, wpon consideratione therof, and what ye did write to me anent Quakers, have orderit that ye sett thes tuo persons at libertie, in regaird of ther long imprissonment; and to certifie to them, that if heirefter they shall be fund guiltie of that cryme, they shall be proceidit against and punished conforme to the act of parliament as guiltie of conventicles: and accordinglie yow ar to proceed against them or any others that shall be fund guiltie of thes disordorlie meitings. This the Councell hes thought fitt to signifie to yow by your affectionat freind, (Signed) Rothes, *Cancell.* *Apud*, Edinburgh, 5th November 1674.

10 Feb. 1675.

Ane collection at the kirk dores for releife of the Inverkethine men prisoners vnder the Turks.

10 *February* 1675.

The said day, the councell wpon the earnest desyre of certaine persons commissionat from Inverkeithin, desyring supplie for releife of certaine persons of the said toune, prisoners vnder the Turks, appointis ane collectione to be at the kirk dores of this brughe vpon the Lords day, in the foir and efternoones, for the forsaid effect; and appoynts Gilbert Mollesone and George Cruckshank, baillies, with the dean of gild and thesaurer, to atend the said collectione at the said kirk dores, and to giue in to the poore and kirkwark of the same what is wsuall theranent.

28 July 1675.

Laborrows to be raised against the inhabitants of Torie.

28 *July* 1675.

The said day, the councell ordanis letters of laborrows to be raisit against the inhabitants of Torie for casting wp and incroatching wpon Sanct Thomas inche, and the other inshes belonging to the toune wpon the south syde of the water of Die, and to caus lay on the same.

20 *October* 1675.

20 October 1675.

Appointing ane scaffinger for keeping the streits cleine.

The said day, the counsell considering that notwithstanding of many former acts and proclamations of thair predicessors emitted for keeping cleine the streits of this brughe, and for removeing the middings and fulzie af of the same, yet litle or no observance wes giuen thairwnto; therfor ordaines and appoynts that ane fitt persone be provydit and imployit, and that on or tuo horses and cairts be furnished and bought to him vpon the counsells charges, for keeping the streits and comone wayes of this brughe cleine, and for removeing and taking away the middings, fulzie and dubs af of the same; which persone is and shall be heirby impowered to goe thorrow the haill streits and laines of the toune everie morning, and at all other convenient tymes and occasiones he shall think fitt, and take away and remove the haill middings, fulzie and dubs that he shall find wpon the streits, and to apply the same to his owne vse for the vse of the burrow and freedome lands of ths said brughe, and no otherwayes, at such convenient pryces as shall be appoynted and set doune be the counsell, and for any red, middings, or fulzie that shall be takine out of the closses or from backsyds, and brought and laid doun wpon the foir-street, if the owners or layers out tharof doe not within tuentie four houres efter the same is so laid doune, take away and remove the same to ane convenient plaice of the streits, that then the forsaid persone is and shall be heirby impowered to carie away and remove the same for his owne vse as aforsaid; and withall, if the forsaid persone appoynted for the forsaid effect comeing to any midding or fulzie for taking away thairof, and the owner thairof at the same tyme comeing thairto and instantlie removing the same to ane convenient place of the streits, that then the said persone or persons ar and shall be allowed and permitted to doe the same: and also it is and shall be leasome to any land laborars or others to take and remove any middings and fulzie they shall first attatch and apprehend, and apply the same to thair owne particular vsses allenerlie, and no otherwayes, if the owner thairof shall not instantlie remove the same as aforsaid;

20 October 1675.

Appoynting ane scaffinger for keeping the streits cleine.

and recomends to the dean of gild, with the assistance of Gilbert Mollesone, baillie, and John Gordon, master of kirkwark, to provyde and furnish ane fitt persone for the forsaid imployment, and to caus by the forsaid hors and cairts, and to caus the said bussines effectuallie be gone about as is abovewrittin; and anent the places and lairs of the said fulzie, and pryces of the loads thairof, the counsell will consider thairanent as they shall find reasonable and convenient, and the highest pryce of ilk load not to exceed sex penneis Scots.

20 October 1675.

Act against admission of Papists and Quakers to be burgesses.

20 *October* 1675.

The said day, the counsell considdering the increase of Poperie and Quakerisme within this brughe, and that by acts of parliament and acts and proclamations of the Lords of his Majesties Privie Counsell, it wes prohibited that housses should be set to them under such strict certifications and penalties therin contenit, for remeid wherof ordains . . . that no persone, Papist or Quaker, within this brughe or comeing into the same, or the prentesses of such being of ther persuasions and professions, shall in any tyme comeing be admittit burgesses or friemen of this brughe, but ar and shall be altogither delarrit and excludeit therfrom, excepting always the sons of burgesses of gild succeiding to ther fathers in lands or waters holdin of the toune, who ar and may be allowed to the forsaid libertie be vertue of ther fathers right.

24 Nov. 1675.

Lues de France admittit master of the musick schoell.

24 *November* 1675.

The said day, anent the petitione given in to the counsell be Lewes de France, musitian, showing that he having hade his residence for ane considerable tyme in the toune of Edinburgh in teaching and instructing, being authorized by the counsell of the said brughe, all that pleised to resort to him in the airt and science of musick, wher it wes knowin he hade been very vsefull to all vnder his charge thairin, and the counsell of the

said brughe having some monethes agoe issued out ane edict inviteing all expert in that science to come and imbrace the charge of master of musick schools vacand and at thair disposall, the petitioner held it incumbent wpon him being willing to compet and undergoe tryall thairanent, to offer his service to them in the said effair, therfor desyreing they wold considder the premisses, and that he hade wpon the forsaid accompt left any charge he hade at Edinburgh, and come heir for doeing them and this brughe service in that science according to his abilitie and power, and therfor desyreing that they wold be pleised to grant him such incuradgment thairanent as they should find expedient, as in the said petitione wes contenit; which petitione the counsell considdering, grants the petitioner the libertie of thair publict musick schooll for takeing tryall of him thairanent, for the space of ane year, or longer, as they and he shall condiscend, and for his better incuradgement grants him tuo hundreth punds during his said service, to be payit quarterlie be the maister of kirkwark, wherof feftie punds each quarter, beginning the first quarters payment at Candlemes next, and recomends to the magistrats to contract with him wpon such vther conditions and restrictions for his attendance and performance of duetie and scolladges as they shall find expedient, and withall continowes William Forbes, doctor in the said schooll, and if David Melvill will also take wpon him to be another doctor in the same, wpon his owne hazard, the counsell grants him libertie thairanent.

24 Nov. 1675.

Lues de France admittit master of the musick schooll.

31 *December* 1675.

31 Dec. 1675.

Act in favors of the master of musick schooll anent his scollage and tyme of teaching.

The said day, the counsell for better incuradgment and mantinance of Lues de France, master of musick schooll of this brughe, grants to him thrittie shilling Scots money quarterlie of scolage fie from ilk scoller in the said schooll, and he is to atend and teach in the said schooll ilk day from sevin hours to nyne hours, and from ten to elevin in the foirnoone, and in the efternoone from tuo to thrie hours; and the foirsaid method and tymes of teaching to continue onlie for the first quarter from his

31 Dec. 1675.

Act in favors of the master of musick schooll anent his scollage and tymes of teaching.

entrie to the said school, or longer, as the counsell shall find it expedient, and this act nor any former act or indulgence in favor of the said Lues to be no preprative or ground for the lyke to any succeeding master of the said schooll, but they to observe such duetie as formerlie hath been observit in the same, and to have such sallarie as the counsell for the tyme shall appoynt, the forsaid indulgence and otheris above written being onlie allowit to him as aforsaid, inrespect he is ane stranger, and as is informed weell expert in musick.

1 *March* 1676.

1 March 1676.

A Quaker book seized in the course of being printed.

The said day, Gilbert Black, baillie holding out to the counsell that he being informed that John Forbes, printer, wes printing ane book put out by the Quakers, he hade seasit wpon ane part therof, and hade takine the same from the printer, and the counsell approveit of his acting therin, and recomends to George Leslie, baillie to acquant the bishope therwith for his advice theranent.

9 *August* 1676.

9 Aug. 1676.

Ane silver cup to be made for the kirk, and the master of kirkwark to keepe the haill cups and silver wark.

The said day, the counsell recomends to the maister of kirkwark to caus make ane silver cup weighting tuelve vnces and ane halfe for the vse of the kirk, to make wp the number of tuelve siluer cups, ther being elevin therof before, and the expenssis of the pryce therof to be allowit in his accompts, and withall ordanes that the master of kirkwark and his successors keepe the saids haill cups, and the haill silver work belonging to the kirk, and to be comptable for the same, and the church warden no wayes to keepe the same in any tyme comeing.

20 *September* 1676.

20 Sept. 1676.

Thomsone admittit bellman.

The said day, the counsell having declairit James Youngsone, bellman, his office therof vacand, and depryving him therof in respect of his not payment of the duetie therof, and for certaine other caussis moveing them, nominats and electis George Thomsone, indueller in the said burghe, keeper of the handbell during the counsells pleasur and his good behaviour, for payment of thrittie punds money yeirlie of foirhand duetie, beginning the first yeirs payment at this Michalmes instant, and sua furth at Michalmes yeirlie, and with all that he find sufficient caution for the said duetie; and with certificatione if he faill in payment yeirlie, or be lawfullie convict to misbehave in performance of duetie, that he shall instantlie be put from the said office, and that without any deed of wrong, and it shall be leisome to the counsell for the tyme to posses any other persone thairin, as they shall find convenient, and ordaines ane tack to be extendit theranent bearing the forsaids conditions.

18 *October* 1676.

18 Oct. 1676.

Swearers to be punished.

Item, that all cursers and swearers, speciallie in opin streets, or any other publict way, be punished, and the constables are to delate such.

6 *December* 1676.

6 Dec. 1676.

Anent Doctor Duns mortification.

The said day, the counsell considering that Doctor Dunes mortificatione to the gramer schooll wes not able to pay the master and vnder masters ther sallaries therby appoynted, and that now the principall master wes removed by death, when throw of necessitie some expedient way behoveit to be fallin wpon for making vp the mortification, and with all, considering that seing the principall master his place wes now vacand, finds that it will be ane good meine that his place vaik for some yeirs for the forsaid effect, and that no principall be admittit, nor programe issued

6 Dec. 1676.

Anent Doctor Duns mortification.

out for that intent; and to the effect the schooll may be regulat, and the scholars instructed as they ought to be, appoynts and ordanis that ane of the three present vnder masters to be chosine be the counsell have the principall charge of the schooll, and oversight of the vnder masters and schollars of the schooll, and teach the high clas before taucht by the principall master, as also the class falling to himselfe as ane vnder master, and that he haue the schollages of both the saids classes and the schooll casualities, such as bent siluer and Christmes candle, &c., for his incuradgement; and the other tuo vnder masters to teach their classes as before, and to haue ther former scollages and no further; and the counsell continues the electione of the said persone to officiat as aforsaid out of the saids present vnder masters till the next counsell day, and in the meantyme the magistrats to speak with the haill vnder masters anent the said affair; and for farther improvement of the said mortificatione, the counsell ordaines the moneyes belonging to the same to be wpliftit against Witsonday, and stockit and setleit of new altogether wpon land, or wther sufficient securitie.

13 *December* 1676.

13 Dec. 1676.

Anent the vnder masters of the gramer schooll.

The said day, the magistrats haveing reportit to the counsell that they haveing convenit the thrie vnder masters of the gramer schooll of this burghe, and particularlie hade spoke with Mr Johne Findlater anent his being pedagog to Doctor Frasers sone, wherthrow he could not atend both duties, and that he hade promised to doe all duetie incumbent wpon him to the said schooll, notwithstanding of any attendance he hade on the said doctor his sone, and if he should be fund insufficient he was content not onlie to be removed from the charge, but also to undergoe any censure should be imposit on him; anent all which the counsell haveing advyseit, they nominat and appoynt the said Mr John Findlater, during the counsells pleasur, to have the charge of the clas befor taucht be the principall master, and to teach the same, and to have the power and authoritie over

the rest of the vndermasters, and over the schollars, and they ar to obey and acknowledge him theranent; and the rest of the schollars in the schooll, except the said high class, to be equallie devydit amongst the saids thrie vndermasters, and they to have no more sallarie than they have at present; onlie, for ther better incuradgement, ordaines and appoynts the said Master John Findlater to have the halfe of the casualities and schooll dues, and the other halfe to be devydit equallie betwixt the other tuo vndermasters, and if the said Master John pleas to devyde the haill dues equallie amongst them all, it is to be in his owine optione; and for the better ordering of the schollars, ordaines them to haue ten dayes play at Christmes, and two or three dayes play at the end of each quarter, and recommends to Baillie Mollesone, Baillie Gordone, or the dean of gild, to intimat the premisses to the saids vnder masters the morrow, at ten hours, for their observance accordinglie.

13 Dec. 1676.

Anent the vndermasters of the gramer schooll.

4 *April* 1677.

4 April 1677.

The said day, the provest, baillies, and counsell, for certaine good considerationes moveing them, ordaines that any proces or actions before the magistrats, or otherwayes relateing to the expenssis of the calsies built and made wp in the Grein about the yeirs 1658 or 1659, and for subsequent yeirs, wpon the eist and west sydes of the toune, be desisted from and forborne, and that notwithstanding any acts of counsell or publict conventions of the said burghe in the contrar.

Act ordaineing the actionis anent the calsies to be desisted from.

Eodem die.

Eodem die.

The said day, the counsell for good considerations moveing them, for better ordour in and decorement of the kirk yeard, ordaines all litle stones in the kirk yeard put wp for poynting out and knowing the graves of defunct persons, standing wp above the ground, to be takine away, or at leist sunkine in the ground, and made alyke therwith; and this act to

The litle stones above the ground at graves to be takine away or sunk in the ground.

4 April 1677.

be extendit to all persons, also weell having warrands as without the same, and recomends to the master of kirkwark to sie the same accordinglie done.

7 Nov. 1677.

The dycks of ane yeard made use of be the Quakers for ane buriall place to be brockin doune and demolished.

7 *November* 1677.

The said day, the counsell understanding that notwithstanding of acts of ther predicessors, ordaineing that the dycks about the yeard in the eist syde of the Gallowgate, made use of and erected be the Quakers for ane buriall place, should be demolished and brokin downe by them, yet they contemptuouslie did keepe wp and maintaine the said yeard and dycks for the forsaid use: therfor ordaines . . . that the dycks of the said yeard be brokin downe and demolished, and the said ground not to be appropriat to nor mad use of for ane buriall place in any tyme comeing. . .

12 Dec. 1677.

Ane collection for releife of Williamsone and others from the Turks.

12 *December* 1677.

The said day, ane recommendatione from the Lords of his Majesties Privie Counsell, in favours of John Williamsone, skipper in Montrose, and his company, who were prisoners in Algiers vnder the Turks, for ane contributione for the supplie of being released; the counsell being advysed thairwith, and considdering the same to be ane pious and charitable work, and willing to assist the releise of thair neghbours from such slauerie and bondage, for the forsaid effect ordaines ane collectione to be at both kirk dores wpon the Lords day come aucht dayes, in the foir and efternoones, and the same to be intimat from pulpit the nixt Lords day, and recomends to Gilbert Black and Dauid Aidy, baillies, John Gordone, elder, and William Livingstoune, maister of mortifications, to atend at the kirk dores the said Lords day, for the said collectione.

23 *January* 1678.

23 Jan. 1678.

Warrand to the maister of kirkwark for buying two boord.

The said day, the counsell recomends to the maister of kirkwark to caus buy tuo boord clothes of good Dornick lining for the vse of the comunione tables in the kirks of this brughe, and the expenssis therof to be allowit in his accompts.

10 *April* 1678.

10 April 1678.

Additione to the burges oath.

The said day, the counsell considering the great increase and grouth of Poperie and Quakerisme, and that it wes the practise of other brughes, particularlie the brughe of Edinburghe, that the entrant burgesses admittit frie of the brughe, gave oath at ther admissions to adhere to and mantaine the Protestant religione as at present professit and authorized in the Church of Scotland, denying Poperie and Quakerisme, and all other heresies which wes insert in the burges acts; therfor ordaines the same to be addit to the burges oath of this brughe, and observit in all tyme comeing.

4 *June* 1679.

4 June 1679.

Act against fulzie throwne on the streits.

The said day, the counsell ordaines that no persone within this brughe cast out chamber potts wpon the streits out at ther housses and windowes, or emptie excramentis wpon the streits, or suffer or permitt the fulzie or middings wpon the streits or before ther dores, with certificatione to all that contraveines, that they shall be fyned in fourtie shilling, *toties quoties*, and shall make wp any prejudice that may be sustained theranent. . .

6 *November* 1679.

6 Nov. 1679.

The arms of the toun and the Bischop on the Bridge of Die to be renewed.

The said day, the counsell recomends to the maister of kirkwark to caus hew the tounes armes and Bischop Elphingstounes armes wpon the port of the Bridge of Die, and to caus illuminat the same in decent forme;

6 Nov. 1679.

as also to illuminat the former armes wpon the said bridge, and what expenssis he shall deburse thairanent, the same to be allowed in his accompts.

7 April 1680.

Act appoynting ane collectione at the kirk dores for the prisoners of Pittinweem vnder the Turks.

7 April 1680.

The said day, the saids provest, baillies, and counsell, vpone the petitione of the brughe of Pittinweem, thair commissioners for the effect vnderwritten, grants heirby ane collectione at the kirk dores of this brughe the nixt Lords day, towards supplie for releise of certaine prisoners belonging to the said brughe takine be the Turks and vnder thair slavrie; and for the better effectuating therof, recommends to George Leslie, baillie, Williame Robertsone, dean of gild, for Saint Nicolas kirk dore; Dauid Aidie, baillie, and Williame Livingstune, thesaurer, for the New Kirk dore, to atend and receaue the saids collections.

3 Nov. 1680.

Libertie to the litsters for ane hearse in the New Kirk.

3 November 1680.

The said day, anent the petitione giuen in to the saids provest, baillies, and counsell be the friemen burgesses of the litster airt and calling, desyreing that they might have libertie granted to them to hang wp ane hearse befoir their dask in the south syde of the New Kirk of the said burghe, for their better accomodatione, and decorment of the church; and the saids provest and baillies having come to the said kirk and taken considerationc of the saids petitioners desyre, heirby gives and grants to them libertie and licence to hang wp the said hearse above or befoir thair said dask, in decent forme, for the effect forsaid, being sufficientlie securit in and from the midle of the jest above the said dask, and recomends to the master of kirkwark to sie the same accordinglie done, wheranent thir presents to be warrand.

27 *April* 1681.

27 April 1681.

Two students of the Pollandiske natione to be bred heir in divinity.

The said day, the provost holding out to the counsell that Patrick Forbes, merchant in Croco in Polland, intreating that this burghe would accept of one or tuo students of divinity of that kingdome for being bred in divinitie for supplieing the Protestant religion ther, which desyre the magistrats and counsell having considered, recomends to the provost to returne ansuer to the said Patrick Forbes, bearing that they would grant the said desyre, and would accept of tuo students of that kingdome for the effect forsaid, for being bred in divinite upon the tounes charges.

10 *August* 1681.

10 August 1681.

Act prohibiting guards of countreymen.

The said day, the saids provost, baillies, and counsell, for good considerationes moving them, ordaines and appoynts that in all tyme coming, ther shall not be anie guards of countreymen within this burghe or about the same, at the Castelhill, chappell, or otherwayes, for attending of corps putt in the said chappell, Greyfrier Kirk, or anie other place, or upon anie other accompt; and that if any such guards be desyred by anie persones concerned, that this burghes militia company, or so many therof as shall be found convenient, or other persones living within the burghe be imployed for the forsaid effect and no otherwayes, wpon reasonable expenses of the imployers.

30 *November* 1681.

30 Nov. 1681.

A seat for the precentor in St Nicholas Kirk.

The said day, the counsell recomends to the maister of kirkwark to cause build and make wp ane seatt befor the pulpitt for the precentor of the psalme, in Saint Nicolas Kirk, wpon the west pairt of the reader his seatt befor the said pulpitt. . .

19 April 1682.

A gratuitie granted to John Forbes, printer of a music book.

19 *April* 1682.

The said day, the councell grants to John Forbes, printer, ane hundreth punds Scots money, for gratuitie to him for his dedicatione to the provest, baillies, and councell of ane musick book for instructione of youth, printed and sett out by him. . .

10 May 1682.

Commissioners to the Duke of York to bespeak his favor to the burgh.

10 *May* 1682.

The said day, the councell recomends to the provest, and David Edie, late baillie, to goe to Edinburghe and wait upon his Royall Highnes James, Duke of Albanie and York, &c., who is reported to be now at Edinburghe, and in name of them and the toune, to intreat his Royall Highness favor in what may concerne the same. . .

11 Oct. 1682.

Warrand to the maister of kirkwark for basins and baptisme cloaths.

11 *October* 1682.

The said day, the councell ordaines the master of kirkwark to cause make tuo silver bassins for the comunione tables, as shall be convenient, either at home or abroad, and remitts the weight and pryce therof to the magistrats, as also to cause bring home and make tuo cloathes of Holand cloath for baptismes, and the expenssis of all quhich to be allowit in his accompts, wheranent ther presents to be warrand.

28 March 1683.

Anent the correctione housse.

28 *March* 1683.

The said day, the councell ordaines the master of mortificationes to accept from the tennents of that part of the correctione land now possest be thame, threttie six pund for ane years maill preceding Witsonday nixt, and to set the same for tyme to come for some few years for fourtie punds yearlie, or what more can be hade for the same, anent all which thir presents to be warrand.

11 *April* 1683.

11 April 1683.

Anent the fountains.

The said day, the councell considering the great deficiencie of clean watter in this brughe, and that the bringing of water and making vp of fountains for remeid therof hath beine often essayed, albeit heirtofore ineffectual; therfore recommends to the deane of gild to make private enquiry at the inhabitants what they will willinglie contribute to the said effaire, and to report.

1 *August* 1683.

1 August 1683.

John Forbes, printer, rebuked for printing certain pamphlets.

The said day, the councell understanding that John Forbes, printer, hade printed ane pamphlet relating to medicine, reflecting upon some phisicians and chirurgeons in the said brughe, in some pairt therof, as they conceaved; therfor ordains the said printer to be conveinit and rebovked as having done the same without any authoritie, and withall that in tyme comeing that he print no pamphlets or books without the magistrats and councells authoritie therto, and inspection takin therof.

24 *October* 1683.

24 October 1683.

A seat and desk erected in St Nicholas Church for the Lord Chancellor.

The said day, the provest, baillies, and councell takeing to there serious consideratioune that the noble and potent Earle George, Earle of Aberdein, Viscunt of Formartine, Lord Haddo, Methlick, Tarves and Kellie, Lord High Chanceller of Scotland, and Shireff-principall of the Shireffdome of Aberdeine, hade on manie occasiones manifest great good will, kyndnes, and care for the weell of the said burgh, and that of late his lordship hade performed signall testimonies of friendship profitable to the same, and that there predicessors for the yeir preceeding, understanding his Lordships purpose and inclynatione to duell and reside in the said burgh as occasione offered, and that he hade latlie purchased and acquyred lands, fishings, and tenements within and about the same, hade upon the for-

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said accompts, and for the great honour and respect they did dulie ow to his Lordship, caused erect and build for him and for the use of his familie in all tyme comeing, ane seat and dask in decent forme within the Old Church of the said burgh, commonlie called St Nicollas Church, in the south syde therof, betwixt the pillar and dask comonlie called the marriage dask, wpon the west part therof, and that pillar and dask comonlie called the Forbes pillar and dask, wpon the eist part therof, and the said provest, baillies, and counsell . . . does therfore as ane mark and token of this burghs and there respects and thankfullnes to his Lordship, and to his aires and successores unanimouslie . . . homologat and approve the erecting and building of the said dask for the use forsaid, but also give . . . heritablie to the said noble and potent Earle . . . and to his aires and successores in his Lordships titles and estates, the forsaid seat, dask, and roume . . . to be possest, used, and enjoyed be them as there own propertie and heritage . . . in all tyme comeing.

18 Feb. 1685.

The touns solemnities on the death of King Charles II.

18 *February* 1685.

Followes the declaratione anent the Kings proclamatione and this burghs solemnitie, which is ordained to be insert heir.

The sad and deplorable news of the death of his late sacred Majestie King Charles the Second, of ever blissed memorie, being come to this citie, and of his royall brother, our present soveraigne, being proclaimed king of Scotland, England, France, and Ireland, with the dominiones therto belonging, at Edinburgh, the tenth instant, the provest, baillies, and councell of Aberdein did order the haill inhabitants of the said city of Aberdeine to be in mourneing upon the nixt Sabboth day, and ordered the churches and cross to be decentlie hung in black, which [wes] accordinglie done, and the same day Doctor William Blaire, and Doctor George Gardyne, two of there ministers hade excellent sermones suiteable, the whole bells of the city tolling for mourneing all day long after sermones, and wpon the morrow therefter being Munday, the saids provest, baillies, and councell

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ordered the whole inhabitants of the toune to be in armes for goeing to church to heir sermons, where Doctor Patrick Sibbald hade ane most learned and loyall sermon, the kings dask being handsomelie hung with arras; and therefter by ane solemne processione frome the church to the mercat cross, which wes also hung with arras, sung psalmes all alonges, the provest, baillies, and counsell, with ane considerable number of gentlemen and inhabitants, did enter upon a theater erected there, where Sir George Skene of Fintrey, Lord Provest of Aberdein, efter ane privious oratione made by him, did repeat and publish the publicatione [proclamation] underwritten, the clerk of the said city reading the same, of the which the tenor followes:—Forasmuch as it hath pleased the Almightie God to call Charles the Second, our late soveraigne lord of glorious and ever blissed memory, from a temporary croune to inherit ane eternall in the heavenes, wherby the undoubted right of successione to him in the imperiall croune of this realme, wes imediatlie devolved on the sacred persone of his royall and dearest brother our present soveraigne (whom God preserve and bliss with a long glorious happie lyfe and a prosperous reigne) alreadie proclaimed king be the lords of his most honourable privie councell, we therfore, the provest, baillies, and councell of the burgh of Aberdeine, for ourselves and in name of the communitie of the samen here assisting at the mercat cross of the said burgh, in testificatione of our loyalltie and due alleadgeance to our most gracious soveraigne, here in presence of the Almightie God declare that our said soveraigne lord, by the goodness and providence of Almightie God, is of Scotland, England, France, and Ireland, and dominiones therunto belonging, the most serene, potent, mightie, undoubted king, and most august monarch, and heirby give our oaths with uplifted hands, that we shall bear true and faithfull alledgiance unto our said sacred soveraigne James the Seventh, king of Great Britan, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c, and to his lawfull aires and successores, and shall performe all duties, service, and obedience to him as becomes his faithfull, loyall, and dutifull subjects, with our lifes and fortunes, against all deidlie. So help us God, *sic subr.*, Alexr. Robertson, secritary to the toune of

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Aberdein. God save King James the Seventh. After publicatione wherof the said Doctor Patrick Sibbald haveing most seriouslie and ferventlie prayed for our said sacred soveraigne, and for Gods blissing on him and his succession, and blissed and happie reigne, the said Sir George Skene, provest, with the whole persones present on the theater, did drink his Majesties good health, his Queen, the Queen Dowager, and haill royall familie, which all healths were saluted with vollies of mosquetts, and fyreing of the haill great gunnes in the toune, and great acclamationes of joy from the whole citizenes and otheres there convenit, cryeing with uplifted hands, God save King James the Seventh; and ane consert of musick being on the cross, and in the efternoone the whole citizens in the toune by order of the magistrates hade bonefyres, where they all drunk his Majesties health, wishing him all health and prosperitie, the bells of the whole citie being ringing, and the whole shipes answering the health with shott of cannones, and at night haveing lanthornes on there topmasts.

13 Jan. 1686.

Act anent building ane new cross.

13 *January* 1686.

The said day, the saids provest, baillies, and counsell, finding it wes convenient and decent for the credit and decorment of the toune, that ane croce sould be erectit and built vpon the publict mercat streit in the Castlegait, at the westmost croce theron, neire or about the same as should be fund convenient, and that Johne Montgomerie, meassone, hade offered and vndertaken to mak wpe the said croce, in good forme and order, of hewen and eastler work, with the present, and eight kings, and Queen Maries armes, formerlie immediatlie preceiding in effigie, engraven vpon eastler hewen stone, with chops vnderneath the first stories, with ane great high pillar on the middle pairt of the said cross, and hade formed and given in ane moddell and frame therof of timber and paseboard, and was content to perfect and accomplish the said work conforme to the said moddell and frame, and otherways as the magistrats and counsell sould devyse, and that for the soume of ane hundreth punds sterling money, to be payed

be them to him; unto all which the saids magistrats and counsell condiscended, and recommends to the magistrats and deane of gild to meit with Johne Montgomerie, and to contract anent the said affair; and the forsaid soume to be payed out of the gildwyne moneyes at such tyms as as they schall appoynt, and the benefite of the shops vnder the said croce to belong to the said gildwyn moneys charge, in respect that the said charge is advancer and payer of the said soume.

13 Jan. 1686.

Act anent building ane new cross.

17 *March* 1686.

17 March 1686.

The counsell, for considerationes, rescinds and discharges that pairt of the oath formerlie of lait given to entrant burgesses at the tyme of there admissiones anent Poperie and Quakerisme, and the rest of the oath to stand and be administrat as formerlie. . .

The burgess oath against Poperie and Quakerism rescinded.

22 *September* 1686.

22 Sept. 1686.

This being the ordinarie day of electione of the magistrats and councell of the said brucht, and the foirnamed persones being conveined to the said effect, the provest produced to them ane letter from the Lord High Chancellor of this kingdome, groundit upon the Kings Majesties royall leter, daitit at the court of Winsor the 12 day of September instant, prohibiting and discharging all elections of magistrats or councell within the said brught for this yeir, as they wold be ansuerable at ther perrill, and authorizing the present councell to continue and exerce as magistrats and councell untill his Majesties further pleasur; which leter is signed by the said Lord High Chancellor, at comand and in name of his Majesties Privie Councell, and is daitit 16 September instant. Which letter and order being produced be the provest, and intimat to the said councell as aforsaid, they gave all due obedience therunto, and desistit from any electione

No new election of magistrates in consequence of the kings letter.

22 Sept. 1686. — of new magistrats and councell of the said burghe for this yeir, untill his majesties further pleasur, and that untill then they should exerce as formerlie.

6 June 1687. —

Act anent women carrying their mistreses books to church.

6 *June* 1687.

The said [day], the councell considering the great abusses occasioned by servant women vpon the Lord's day, in thronging in in the passage and amongst the pews for woemen, vpon pretence of carieing in and takeing out their mistreses books, and that the last Lords day, in the foir noon, ther wes ane great disturbance falling out theranent by , servant to John Johnston, merchant ; for remeid wherof ordaines and appoynts that no servant woman presume, vpon whatsomever pretence, to enter within the barrows dores at ether ends in aither of the saids kirks, but that they delyver and give of thair books to thair mistreses without the saids dores, at their incomeing to the church, and also at their outgoing therefrom, and no otherwayes, with certificatione, that if the mistres of any servant shall be found to contraveine, and to take in any of her servant women in the midle pairt of aither of the saids churches, that then the said mistres of the said servant shall pay ten merks money, *toties quoties*, to the dean of gild of the said burgh for the vse of the toune; and that if any servant woman shall be found to contravein, or to come within the barrows or tirlies dores, that the said servant so contraveining shall also pay to the said dean of gild four merks money, *toties quoties*, and ordaines lists of the mistresses or servant womens names contraveining, to be taken vp and given in to the magistrats for the foirsaid effect; and if the keipers of the pews in aither of the saids churches shall be found to conive with the mistres or servant women, and to permitt any servant woman to enter within the saids barrows dores vpon the Lords day, or to take money from any of the servant women vpon the foirsaid accompts, that then they be depryved, *ipso facto*, of their imployments, by and attour further punishment to be imposed on them, as the magistrats and councell

shall think fitt; and ordaines this act to be read from pulpit by the readers in both churches vpon the Lords day nixt, that non may pretend ignorance; and as to the servant woman of John Johnston, continues her to further censur.

6 June 1687.

27 *June* 1688.

27 June 1688.

Order of rejoicings on the birth of the Prince of Wales.

The said day, the councell considering that the morrow the tuentie eight of this instant moneth of Junij is appoyntit by act and proclamatione of the Lords of Priuie Councell to be solemnized in all the brughs of this kingdome and north pairt thereof, as ane day of thanksgiveing and rejoicing for the happie birth of the Prince and Stuart of Scotland and Prince of Wells, therfor, in order therunto, the said provest, baillies, and councell, according to ther bound duetie, ar to joyn in the work of the said day with the greatest joy and allacritie they can, and for that effect ordaines the inhabitants of the toune to be conveined the said day in their best armes and abuliment against sex hours in the morning, and that sermon be in the church in the foirnoon suteable to the said day, and that the inhabitants of the toune being so conveined, attend the magistrats to the church, and from the same to the mercat croce, and that ane theater be built therat, and all sorts of vocall and instrumentall musick therupon, and that ane table be covered at the said croce, with abundance of confections theron, and that wyne be brought therto in punchions in great aboundance, and that the King, Queen, and the Princesses of the royall famillie, ther healths be gone about thererat, and that the touns cannons at the Castellhill and Blockhous be shott, and the inhabitants of the toune ther guns be discharged at ilk health, and that bon fyers be put on at the croce and thorow the toune in the afternoon, and that the cannons be discharged at ilk health of the healths aforsaid at the touns fyre, and that the kings loft in the Old Church be covered and decentlie hung with tapestrie, and all other tokens and sings of joy and gladnes be gone about the said day by the magistrats, councell, and inhabitants of the toune.

12 Nov. 1688.

The election of magistrates and council takes place in virtue of a letter from the Lord Chancellor.

12 *November* 1688.

The provost produced to the councell order and warrand from the Lord Chancellar for the effect underwritin, wherof the tenor follows:—Gentlemen,—His Majesties Privie Councell hes such confidence of your loyaltie and affectione to his Majesties service upon all occasions, that they have thought fitt heirby to authorise and impower yow to choyse the magistrats and councell of your burghe for the ensuing yeir, and that yow name such persons for whose loyaltie ye will be ansuerable; for doing wherof this shall be your warrand, by, gentlemen, your assured friend. *Sic subscribitur*, Perth. *Cancellarius, I.P.D.* Daitit Edinbrughe, 8th Novr. 1688. Direct, For the Provost of Aberdene. To be communicat to the magistrats and toune councell of the said brughe for his Majesties service.

Conforme to which order and warrand the provost, baillies, and councell of the said brughe, after reading therof, did the said day goe about and perfect the electione of the magistrats and councell of the same for the yeir to come in ordinarie maner.

8 Jan. 1689.

Protest against sending a commissioner to the Prince of Orange.

8 *January* 1689.

James Reid, master of hospitall, ane of the persons of councell, protestit that ther should be no commissioner chosen from the magistrats and councell to the Prince of Orange, without consent of the brethren of gild, for the reasons to be given in be him: The provost, baillies, and councell, protestit in the contrar, for reasons to be given in be them; and James Milne, ane of the persons of councell, signified he wold not protest, but disassentit from any such electione to be proceided in.

8 *January* 1689.

8 Jan. 1689.

Dr George Gairden sent commissioner to the Prince of Orange.

The provost, baillies, and councell (except the forsaid two persons) nominats and elects Dr George Gairden, ane of the ministers of the said burghe, commissioner for them with their address to the Prince of Orange, and recomends to the magistrats to giue him instructions theranent, and to the thesaurer to advance such moneyes for his expenssis as he shall find reasonable.

29 *May* 1689.

29 May 1689.

Order of rejoicing for King William and Queen Mary accepting the crown.

Anent the tounes solemnitie for the day of thanksgiveing for King William and Queen Mary thair acceptatione of the crown of this kingdome, conforme to the proclamatione thairanent, recomends to the magistrats to caus sermon to be in St Nicolas Church to-morrow in the forenoon, and the touns guns to be dischairgit, and the toune to be in armes, and bonfyres to be sett on in the streitts in the toun as they shall find convenient.

2 *November* 1689.

2 Nov. 1689.

A commissioner to the Privy Council for recovering expenses incurred for General Mackays army.

Baillie Crukshank chossen commissioner to Edinburgh for appearing befor the Privie Counsell, and to petitione them for payment of the touns deburseements for expresses in ther Majesties service, with hors posts south and north, by act and warrand of the Lords of Privie Counsell, sent with the said baillie with the account of the said expresses, and severall other particulars for ammunition, bisket, buttyr, chise, and others furnished to Major-Generall Mackay his armie heir; as also to get repayment of the corns and other grouth upon the roods and lands of the friedome, eaten and destroyed by the said Generall Major Mackay his forses since ther comeing to Aberdeen, conforme to the account of the apprysing therof by the said Generall Mackay his order, which order and apprysings formalie extendit and subscriuit by honest men and by the parties themselfs, ar all sent with the said baillie for the effect above expressit.

27 Jan. 1692.

Protest against a proposed representation against Dr George Garden for not praying for King William and Queen Mary.

27 *January* 1692.

The said day, ther being ane comissione presentit for representeing some of the ministers of the brugh (and in particular Dr George Garden) to the Generall Assemblie, for his not praying for ther Majesties King William and Queen Mary, and also his not observeing the fasts and thanksgiveing dayes, and uther things contained in the said comissione, and craved to be aproven of by the counsell: Which comissione being redd, John Burnet, elder, for himselfe and uthers his adherents, both counsellers and inhabitants of the said brugh, protested that the counsell should not proceed rashly in representing any of the ministers of the brugh, and particularlie the said Dr George Garden, without the advyce and consent of ane head court or double counsell at least, in respect some of the present counsellers, and particularlie those who prest the said representatione to be made, hade not heard him for some yeirs bygon, and that he himselfe was of the opinione that he prayed materialy for ther Majesties King William and Queen Mary, and for the preservatioun of ther forces both by sea and land, and that he hade actualie preached upon fast dayes, and that those who never heard him could not give ther judgement so justlie as thos that wer his ordinarie hearers, and that therfor it wer the mor proper way to take the advyce of ane head court or double counsell in so weightie ane affair. . .

Eodem die.

A commission appointed to represent against Dr George Garden.

Eodem die.

The said day, recommended to Thomas Forrest, master of hospitall, to represent to the Generall Assemblie, now presentlie sitting at Edinburgh, that Dr George Garden, ane of the ministers of this burgh, hade never prayed nomination for ther Majesties King William and Queen Mary, and did never observ the fasting dayes for succes to ther arms, and vther solemne dayes of thanksgiveing for King Williams victories obtained over his enemies, conforme to the severall proclamatiouns theranent.

9 *November* 1692.

9 Nov. 1692.

Agreement with Patrick Kilgour, anent the rueling of the kirk clock, and ordering the better ringing of the bells.

The said day, William Soupar, master of kirkwork, haveing represented to the provost, bailies, and counsell, his condiscendance and agreement with Patrick Kilgowr, watchmaker in the said brught, anent the rueling of the kirk clock, and ordering the better ringing of the bells, . . . which is as folows, viz.: That the said Patrick shall bind himself by contract to translate the said clock into ane pendulum work, conforme to the newest fashione and inventions done at London, for regulateing the motione of the said clock, and causeing her go just: *Item*, to make some new stangs and nutts for the movement of the four hands, for the makeing of them goe all equall alyke: *Item*, to rectifie the motione of the glob with ane new screw wheell of iron for turneing the said glob about: *Item*, to make ane ingine to cause the pendulum and the four hands be in constant motione, as weell in the tyme that the paces are a drawing up as at vther tyme, so that the clock shall not at any tyme stope in her motione: *Item*, to cause the said clock strick the hours swifter, that the people may not wearie in telling of them: *Item*, to bush the privat holls which are worne in the said clock, to the effect the wheells may run the easier and not stop, and to help the stoping of the halfe hours, and caus them ring at ther due tyme: *Item*, to raise the great bell in the said steeple, and to cast and found two new cods of bell metall for the said bell to hang and ring in them, and to renew the two gudgions of the said bell, and to doe all and sundrie vther things necessar for the causeing the said great bell and vther bells in the said steeple ring more easily: For which he is to have two hundreth marks after finisheing of the same. . . . And lykwayes represented to them that he hade . . . agreed with the said Patrick Kilgour to maintain and uphold the said clock of St Nicolas kirk, well goeing and in good order, as also the motione of the globe and movement of the four hands, and alse to furnish oyle for the said clock and three bells in the said steeple, on his oune proper charges . . . dureing his lyfetyme and recidence within this brugh, and to have therfor fourtie marks yeirly. . . . The provest,

9 Nov. 1692.

baillies, and counsell . . . grants warrand to the said William Soupar . . . to enter in contract in the termes above writtin. . .

18 Jan. 1693.

Act discharging the feeding of sheep on the east syde of the town or Denburne.

18 *January* 1693.

The said day, the counsell takeing to ther consideratione this conditione of the fermorers and vthers keping horse and kyne within the towne, that they were destitute of grass for feeding ther horse and kyne wpon, and that any litle grass that was wpon the links and bentihillocks and east syde of the towne or upon the Denburn, was eaten up and distroyed by flocks of sheep, haue thairfor discharged and prohibit, and heirby discharges and prohibits, all persons from feeding sheep on the east syde of the towne, either in the links, bentihillocks, or any vther place therof, or on the Denburne, but that they shall pastur them on any vther comontie in the fredome: and that vnder the faillie of ten pund Scots, *toties quoties*, to be payed to the dean of gild of the said burgh for the vse of the towne.

22 Nov. 1693.

Steps to be taken to prevent the fishers of Futtie or Torrie removing to Newburgh.

22 *November* 1693.

The said day, the counsell impowrs the magistrats to take such course as shall be most expedient for keeping the whyte fishers from removeing from Footy or Torrie to Newburgh or elsewhair.

28 June 1694.

Proceedings anent the election of a new kirk session.

28 *June* 1694.

The said day, the counsell aproves the intimatione made on Sunday last for the electione of ane new sessione, att the desyre of the provost, Baillie Alardes, and the thesaurer; against which Baillie Gellie protested, and is to give in his protestatione in write.

21 *September* 1694.

21 Sept. 1694.

The said day, the counsell haveing considered ane petitione given in to them be the Principall and Regents of the Colledge Marishall of the said burgh, desyreing ane contributione for leadeing the observatorie in the new work of the said colledge, for the use of the master of mathematicke in the said colledge, as also haveing taken the advyce of the bretheren of gild publictly conveend for that effect, who all consented that the counsell of the said burgh should grant ane contributione to the forsaid work out of the gild wyne monys, they therfor apointe the present dean of gild . . . to pay out of the gild wyne monys the soume of fyve hundreth marks Scots money to the procurator of the said colledge, to be employed for leadeing the forsaid observatorie alenarly. . .

A contribution voted for the observatory of Marischal College.

14 *November* 1694.

14 Nov. 1694.

The said day, the counsell appoints the sermons on the week dayes to be in the new church of Aberdein, especially when the Presbeterian ministers doe not preach in the old church.

The week day sermons to be in the new church.

28 *November* 1694.

28 Nov. 1694.

The said day, the counsell appoints that in all tym comyng noe servant lass goe in to the pews of either churches vnder the faillie of fourtie shilling Scots each servant, *toties quoties;* and the keepers of the pews to be deposed fra ther charges.

Servant lasses dischargit the pews.

Eodem die.

Eodem die.

The said day, the counsell appoints on of ther number to goe to the Episcopall sessione of this burgh on Monday nixt, and ther in name of the counsell to represent to them that it is the counsells pleasure that the

The Episcopal Kirk Session requested not to act as a session.

28 Nov. 1694.

said sessione doe not offer to officiat as a sessione, nor to choise a new sessione or a collector, in regard they are not a legall sessione, and to discharge ther collector (if chosen) to officiat or medle with the utensills and records of the church.

5 Dec. 1694.

The collector of the Presbyterian session to collect the alms when the Presbyterian ministers preach.

5 *December* 1694.

The said day the counsell appoints the collectors of the Presbeterian sessione of this burgh to collect and uplift the charity at the church doors therof on Sundays and week dyets when the Presbeterian ministers preaches.

19 Dec. 1694.

The act for Presbyterian collectors renewed.

19 *December* 1694.

The said day the counsell considereing that by ther act of the date the fyfth of December instant, they hade ordered the members of the Presbiterian sessione to collect the charity at the church doors when the Presbiterian minister preaches, and considereing that the forsaid act hes been contemned, therfor the counsell allowes the members of the presbiterian legall sessione to collect att all occasions at both church doors on the Sundays and week dyets, and discharges James Wobster, and William Whyte, to call any uthers but the said Presbiterian sessione to stand at the church doors.

13 Feb. 1695.

Act for sendeing ane adress to his Maiestie.

13 *February* 1695.

The counsell appoyntis ane address to be sent to the king condoling the Queens death, and assuring his Majestie of thair loyaltie and zeall to him.

27 March 1695.

The dancing master not to have public balls.

27 *March* 1695.

The said day the counsell discharges Mr Batham, danceing master, from haveing any publict balls of danceing in this place.

1 *May* 1695.

1 May 1695.

The said day the counsell takeing to ther consideratione that the publict morneing and evening prayers in the old church wer not frequented as in former tymes have discharged them in tyme comeing. . .

Public morning and evening prayers in the church to cease in time coming.

10 *March* 1696.

10 March 1696.

The said day, the counsell considering and being certainely informed by severall proclamatiounes from the Lords of his Maiesties Privie Counsell that this kingdom is threatned with an invasione from France and with intestine divisione, and ware at home, haveing therfor thought fitt and expedient to put this place in some posture of defence, and for that end have nominated Major Thomas Robertsone of Clerkseat to be Major and commander (vnder the provest) of the haill inhabitants of this burgh, John Davidson, merchant, captain to the Futtie quarter, Robert Davidsone, merchant, captane to the Green quarter, James Browne, merchant, captane to the Crooked quarter, and Alexr. Strachan, merchant, captane to the Evin quarter, John Stewart, merchant, and John Gordon, litster, leivtennents to the Futtie quarter, James Allan, merchant, and Thomas Burnet, litster, leivtennents to the Green quarter, Alexr. Patersone, armorer, and James Strachan, leivtennents to the Crooked quarter, Johne Strachan, merchant, and James Andersone, glasier, leivtennents to the Even quarter, Johne Bruce, ensigne to the Footy quarter, William Miller, ensigne to the Green quarter, William Bisset, younger, ensigne to the Crooked quarter, and Abrahame Davidsone, ensigne to the Even quarter; and appoints the haill inhabitants of this burgh betwixt 16 and 60 yeirs to redevouze in ther best armes on Thursday nixt, the twelth instant be ten aclock in the foirenoon at the respective places vsit and wont, and non to be exemptit therfra, vnder the faillie of being repute disaffected to his Maiesties government, and fyned in tuentie pund Scots each absent, *toties quoties*, and appoints ane watch to be keeped therafter each night, beginning the first

On the report of a French invasion, and domestic dissension, the toun is to be put in a state of defence.

10 March 1696.

watch upon the said 12th day of March instant, and alse appointes Johne Burnet, elder, and John Donaldson, skippers, to take care of the guns on blockhouse and castlehill.

29 April 1696.

Band of association relative to a conspiracy for assasinating the king, and bringing a French invasion.

29 *April* 1696.

The said day, the provost, baillies, and counsell takeing to thair consideratione that ther was ane associatione subscryued be the Lordis of his Maiesties Privie councell, by his Maiesties frie allowance, declareing their detestation of the late horrid conspiracie for assasinateing his Maiesties sacred persone, and for makeing ane invasione from France, and testifieing that his present Maiestie king William is rightfull and lawfull king of this realm, and solemnly engaging themselues to assist others in defence of his Maiesties persone and government, and of the true Protestant religione; and the saids provost, baillies, and counsell being most sensible of the many blesseings and mercys they enjoy vnder his present Maiestie king William, his protectione and government, by whom vnder God they wer lately delyvered from popry, and arbitrary power, and their religione, liberties, and estates setled and secured by good and wholsam laws, and upon these and many vther accompts being most willing and desyrous to enter into and signe the said associatione; they doe therfor, heirof, appoynt the same to be recorded in their counsell books, and have presently signed the same themselues, and recommended the same to be signed by all other loyall citizens of this burgh, of which associatione the tenour followes, conforme to the print copie sent to them by the lords of his Maiesties Privie councell, viz :—

Band of Associatione subscribed by the Lordis of his Maiesties Privie Counsell of the kingdom of Scotland, by his Maiesties speciall allowance, and now subscribed by the provost, baillies, councell, and citizens of the burgh of Aberdein, at Aberdein in Aprill 1696.

We, the provost, baillies, councellers, and citizens of the burgh of Aberdeen, vnder subscribeing, considering that ther hes bene ane horride

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and detestable conspiracie formed and carryed on by papists and vther wicked traitrous persones, for asasinating his Maiesties sacred persone, in order to usher in and facilitat a formidable and cruell invasione from France, to the ruine and extirpatione of our religione, laws, and liberties, doe therfor heartily, sincerely, and solemnly profess, testifie, and declair, that his present Maiestie king William is rightfull lawfull king of this realm, and we doe mutually promise, and solemly engage and oblige our selues to stand by and assist on another to the utmost of our power, in support and defence of his Maiesties most sacred persone and government, and of the true Protestant religione against the late king James, and the pretended prince of Scotland, commonly called the pretended prince of Wales, and all ther adherents, and against of foragne invasiones, or intestine insurrectiones that shall be attempted or made, to disturb his Maiesties right and possessione; and incaice his Maiestie com to anie violent or untymly death, (which God of his infinit mercy avert) wee doe heirby further freely and unanimously oblige ourselues to unite, associat, and stand by each other in revenging the same wpon all his Maiesties enimies and ther adherents, and in supporteing and defendeing the successione of this croune, accordeng to the declaratioune of the estates of this kingdome.

30 *September* 1696.

30 Sept. 1696.

Act against the keeping of swine.

The said day, the councell takeing to consideration that latly there are brought into this burghe, and intertaned therin, a great number of swine, which formerly was not permitted to stay within this burghe, and sieing by experience they are found wery prejudiciall to the yards in and about the toun in diging up the same, as also by their diging in middings, and all manner of excrements, does raise ane intollerable smell, by and attour the hazard childring are in by them, and the unseemlienesse to have such creatures within the walls of any city: therefore the councell have enacted, statuted, and ordained, and by thir presents they enact, statute, and ordaine all the inhabitants of this burghe, and nearest parts

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Act against the keeping of swine.

adjacent therto, that they, before tuo acloak in the afternoon nixt day, being the first of October, cause remove the haill swine, old and young, from this toun, ane quarter of ane myll from the same, with certification that all swine that shall be found heirafter upon the streets, or without doors, shall be confiscat, the one halfe for the use of the poore, and the other halfe for the use of any that shall apprehend the same, or delate them; and any that kills or tacks any of the said swine after the said time shall be free of any hazard therefore, and that by and attour further punishment to be inflicted upon the keepers of the said swine, at the councell's pleasure; and ordaines thir presents to be publickly proclaimed at the mercat crosse, and through the haill streets of the toun, that none pretend ignorance.

19 Jan. 1698.

Act anent permitting prisoners to go out of prison over night.

19 *January* 1698.

The said day, the councell considering the danger that may ensue to this burgh by letting prisoners incarcerat in the Tolbooth of the same for debts or otherways to go furth therof, at the desyre of freinds, in the night time, by which they may easely mak their escape, did appoint and ordain that in all tyme coming no persone imprisoned be permitted to goe forth out of the prison house under the silence of the night without sufficient caution be given to the magistrats for their speedy return; as also appointed that hereafter, when the prison doors are open, there be always three officers waiting one the same.

23 Feb. 1698.

Act for setting the correction house in order.

23 *February* 1698.

The said day, anent the petition presented to them be Thomas Mitchell, John Allardes, and Alexander Forbes, baillies of the said burghe; John Johnston, of New Place; Alexander Forbes, of Ludquharne; John Leslie, James Mercer, and George Steven, merchants in Aberdeen, mentioneing that the petitioners were resolved, for the encouragement of vertew

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Act for setting the correction house in order.

and supress of idleness, and severall other considerations, to errect and set up ane manufactorie within the manufactorie house of the said burghe (commonly called the Correctione house), for makeing cloth, stockings, serges, stuffes, and other commodites, and the stock to be put in for advanceing and manadging the forsaid work is sex hundreth pound sterling; and seing that the deceast Mr Robert Johnston did bequeath a mortificatione to the provost, baillies, and councell of the said burgh, to be employed with a manufactorie within the same, and that the Correctione house, with the litthouse and pertinents thairof belongs to the said manufactorie, mortified be the said Mr Robert Johnston, which has not hitherto succeeded, nor had good effect, and therfor craveing that the saids provost, baillies, and councill would not onlie be pleased to countinance and authorize the petitioners in the forsaid usefull and necessar work, but also would allow them the use of the said correction house, litthouse, and haill pertinents thairof free of maill, for setting up the forsaid manufactorie therein, ay and so long as the said manufactorie doth prosper and continue, and cause repair the said house, and would lykeways ordaine the master of mortificationes to pay into the petitioners three hundreth pound sterling, free of annualrent, for seven years space, out of the said Mr Robert Johnston his mortificatione above specifiet, for helping to sett up and maintaine the forsaid manufactorie, and the petitioners shall be obleidged, at the goeing out of the said manufactorie, to returne the said correction house, litthouse, and pertinents thairof, in alse good case and conditione as it shall be appretiate to presently after reparation thairof as said is, to the said provost, baillies, and councill; as also the petitioners shall be obleiged to repay to the master of mortifications of the said burgh, for the use of the said Mr Robert Johnstons mortificatione, the said soume of three hundreth pounds sterling, so be advanced by him to them, or otherways in the saids provost, baillies, and councill thair option, the saids petitioners should allow thame, ane share in the said manufactorie, equivalent to the forsaid soume, as in the said petitioun at more length was contained, which petition being considered be the saids provost,

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baillies, and councill, and finding that the forsaid work designed be the petitioners was most commendable and necessar, and might conduce and tend very much to the interest and benefite of this burgh, they therfore allow the petitioners the use of the forsaid correction house, litthouse, and haill pertinents thairof, maill free, after Whitsunday j^{m}. vi^{c}. nintie eight years, for setting up the said manufactorie thairin, and appoints the master of mortifications to pay to them the soume of

for repairing the forsaid correctione house; as also to pay to the saids petitioners for helping to set up and maintaine the forsaid manufactorie, the soume of two hundreth pound sterling out of the said Mr Robert Johnstones mortificatione, free of annualrent, for seven years space after the said term of Whitsunday j^{m}. vi^{c}. nintie eight, and appoints the master of mortifications, with consent of the provost, baillies, deane of gild, and theasurer, to enter in ane contract with the petitioners anent the premisses, for thair repaying them the said two hundreth pounds sterling, and restoreing them the said correctione house and litthouse, with the pertinents, in the terms above writtin; for doeing of all which ane extract hereof, under the toun clerks hands, is hereby declaired to be ane sufficient warrand to all concerned.

16 March 1698.

Act to bring the fore breast of ane loft from the Gray Frier Kirk and place it in the Old Kirk.

16 *March* 1698.

The said day, the councell appoints the fore breast of the loft in the Gray Frier Kirk to be taken down and to be brought to the Old Kirk, for to be ane for breast to ane loft to be builded abow the councell dask in the said kirk for the use of the councell, and the work to be by the oversight of John Alardes and Alexr. Forbes, baillies.

22 June 1698.

Act appointing the preists to be apprehended.

22 *June* 1698.

The said day, the councill considering that ane number of papists, trafequeing preists, and others, are said to be dayling, lodgeing, and lurking in and about this burgh, to the great danger of the subversion of the inha-

bitants of the samen to ther popish and idolatrous worshipe; as also that by act of his Majesties Privie Councill all magistrats of burghs are ordained to make search for such preists and other traffequeing papists, under the certification therin contained; the councill therfor recomends it to the severall baillies to goe throw ther severall quarters at such convenient occasion as they shall think fitt, and to take, sease, and apprehend all preists and traffequeing papists, and cause imprisone them; as also to get ane account of all stranger papists residing within this burgh, with ane account of any popish schools or nunries that may be therin, and to report.

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22 June 1698. — Non to set houses to preists or stranger papists under the faillie of 100 lib.

The said day, the councill, upon weighty considerations, enacts . . . that whatever heritor or tennent shall hereafter sett or lett ane house or chamber to any popish preist or stranger papist, after the day and date of thir presents, shall be lyable in ane hundreth pound Scots of fyne, to be payed to the dean of gild for the use of the toune . . . by and attour the said stranger papist shall be obleidged to remove from this burgh after lawfull intimation.

24 *August* 1698.

24 Aug. 1698. — Act depriveing three of the touns sergants for the escape of James Gordone.

The said day, the councill takeing to consideration that of late James Gordon, brother of Aradoull, had escaped out of the prison doors vpon the ninteenth instant, by the negligence of John Ritchie, James Irvine, and James Dempster, touns officers, who had the charge and keeping of the prison that time, doe therefore deprive them of their saids offices, and they never to be receaved or admitted unto the said office, and appoints them to be keeped in close prison within the iron house, two of them to be put night and day in the stocks *per vices*, and the third to be free, time about, and to be feed with bread and water untill furder censure be inflicted on them; and withall ordains them, after their releasment with their familie,

24 Aug. 1698.

to be banished this burgh and freedome for ever, and they nor theirs never to have benefite nor any charitie from the toun of Aberdeen in any time comeing.

16 Sept. 1698.

Act electing George Forbes to be keeper of the prisone.

16 *September* 1698.

The said day, the councill takeing to consideration how necessar it were that they had ane sufficient and trustie man to be keeper of the prison, as other burghs have, who are designed Goodman of the Tolbooth, do therefore nominate and elect George Forbes, merchant, to be keeper of the prison of this burgh dureing his lyfetyme and good behaviour, he always finding sufficient caution under the faillie of twentie thousand pounds Scots for keeping the toun skaithless of all damadges that may follow by the escaping of any person or persons out of the prison through his, or his servants default, and to have the haill emoluments as jailour fee, &c., as also the benefite of alimenting all strangers who may be imprisoned; and for his better livelihood the councill allowes to him ane hundreth and twentie pound Scots of sallarie yearly, and ilk year during his service, at two termes, viz., Witsunday and Martinmass, be equal portiones, begining the first termes payment at Witsunday nixt; as also to have the house belonging to the toune, which lyes to the wast of the Earle Marischalls lodgeing, to live unto, and that free of any maill, and recomends to the magistrats to gett sufficient caution from the said George.

26 Sept. 1698.

John Thomson elected touns sergant.

26 *September* 1698.

The said day, the councell nominats and elects John Thomson, lawfull sone to the deceast James Thomsone, late tounes sergeant (wpon his petitione), one of the ordinarie sergeants of the said burghe in place of one of the three officers lately depryved, and that during the counsells pleasur, *vel ad culpam*, he always finding sufficient caution for all duty incumbent on him in ordinarie manner, and recomends to the magistrats to

see him and his cautioners subscryue the ordinary act in the court book for that effect, and he to have the ordinar emoluments and casualities belonging therto, with the yooll wages nixt ensueing. 26 Sept. 1698.

26 *September* 1698. 26 Sept. 1698.

Act in favours of the magistrates anent the escape of Arradoull.

The said day, there being representation made that the magistrats had receaved citationes befor the privie councell, wpon the tuentie second of November nixt, at the instance of George Leith of Overhall, and Sir James Steuart, his Majesties Advocate, for the escape of James Gordon, brother to Arradull, furth of the tolbooth of Aberdeen, wherein he was incarcerate for the alleadged slaughter of Overhalls father, and that the magistrats did ther duty, and was noways accessory nor known to his escape, and that therefore the said action should be defended wpon the toun of Aberdeens expences, and the magistrats cited liberate of all trouble and expences they may sustain thairanent: which representation being considered be the councill, and knowing that the magistrats did order the officers that keeped the prisone to take exact care of the said James Gordon, and to keep him in sure firmance, and that the saids magistrats were noways negligent in their duty, nor anyways accessory to the escape of the said James Gordone, therefore the haill councell, without ane contradictorie vote, appointed the forsaid persuite to be defended wpon the toune of Aberdeens expences, and the magistrats cited to be freed and releived of all cost, skaith, damadge, and expences which they may sustaine or incurr anent the premisses in any manner of way, but prejudice to the toun of Aberdeen to recover thair reliefe thereof of the officers and their cautioners, as accords.

6 *November* 1698. 6 Nov. 1698.

Act anent the bellman.

The said day, the councill considering that the touns bellman is much slighted and neglected of late by peoples not imploying him to goe throw

6 Nov. 1698.

Act anent the bellman.

the toun for ther deceast relations, to the hurt and prejudice of his tack, and the decency used formerly in this burgh and other burghs of this kingdome, for remeid whereof they appoint and ordain that hereafter all persons shall imploy the said bellman for goeing throw the toun for their deceast relations, and to pay to him the ordinary rates for his pains, and discharges the kirk officers to open the ground to any person untill such time it shall be made known to them that the touns bellman is imployed for goeing throw the toun as aforsaid.

17 *May* 1699.

17 May 1699.

Act in favouris of John Allardes to writ for timber.

The said day, the councell recomends to John Allardes, baillie, to writt to Hamburgh for so much vanscotdaills, clifts, and trees as will be necessar for erecting and building up ane loft to the magistats above the councills seat in the Old Church, in decent forme, conforme to ane former act in anno 1698, made for the said affect.

3 *January* 1700.

3 Jan. 1700.

Act dischargeing candles in the kirk.

The said day, the counsell statuts and ordains for certain reasonable causes, that no candles be made vse of or lighted in the churches of this burgh at sermons, after the term of Candlmes nixt, in all tyme comeing.

17 *January* 1700.

17 Jan. 1700.

Act Thomas Mitchell for ane pew dask.

The said day, the counsell grants warrand to Thomas Mitchell, present provost, for building ane pew dask in the east end of the Old Church and south syde of the same, immediatly befor the pew dask builded and possest be John Johnston of New Place, reserving the entrie to the pews of the same latitude as formerly.

24 *January* 1700.

24 Jan. 1700.

Geddes chosen cowherd.

The said day the counsell grants warrand to Agnes Geddes, relict of the deceast Alexander Kynach, cowfeeder, to continue with her said husbands employment and town herd for keeping the towns kyne in the links, provydeing she keep able servants for that purpose, so that the gardners and others be not prejudged thorow the sloath of her servants.

23 *October* 1700.

23 Oct. 1700.

Laws for the grammar schooll.

The said day, the provost, baillies, and counsell of the said burgh, takeing to ther serious consideratione that ther have ben no fixt rules set doun and enjoyned this long tyme bygon for regulateing the grammar schooll of this burgh, and the saids provost, baillies, and counsell haveing taken advyce of the ministers of this burgh, Principall and Regents of the Colledge Marischall of the said burghe theranent, the following rules and overturs were agreed upon, and the same being this day read in counsell and seriously considered and pondered, wer, by the said counsell, ratified and approven, and the same appointed to be punctually observed be the masters and scholars of the said schooll in tyme comeing, of which rules the tenor followes, viz:—

Firstly, that ther be one solemne visitatione of the said grammar schooll in the beginning of October yeirly, at which the severall classes ar to be tryed and examined, by makeing of thems, interpretatione of authors, and annalizeing the same, makeing of verses, &c., at which visitatione allenerlie, premiums ar to be given to the most deserveing and best qualified schollars, and the name of those who gains the premiums at each visitatione yeirly, ar to be insert in the said schoolls register of laws, and wpon what point of tryall each scholar gains his premium; as also, that beside the forsaid solemne visitatione in October yeirlie, ther be three other visitations of the said schooll by such of the counsell as they shall appoint, and by any two of the ministers of this burgh, and any two of

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the masters of the said Marischall Colledge whom the counsell shall name, and that the first of the saids three visitations shall be yeirly vpon the first Thursday of Februarie, the second vpon the first Thursday of May, and the third vpon the first Thursday of August in all tyme comeing; and that beside the four yeirly visitations, two or more of the magistrats and counsell of the said burgh visite the said schooll the first Tuesday of every moneth, and enquyr how the laws and rules of the schooll and discipline therof are observed.

Secondlie, they appointed the method of teaching the grammar and classick authors to be diligently observed in maner following:—

Imprimis, the entrants to be keeped reading Latin the first quarter, or longer, as shall seem good to the masters.

Item, after reading, they are to be learned the declinations, comparisons, pronuns, conjugations, with the rest of the rudiments, to the constructions; as also they are to have the first four sectiones of Wederburns vocables, not only by heart, but to decline and conjugat the same, conforme to ther progress.

Item, with the constructions, they are to have the two last sections of the saids vocables, *dicta sapientis*, and *rudimenta pietatis*.

Item, with the first part of the grammar they are to have Lilii Sulpitius, Disticha Catonis, Ovids Epistles, Virgils Epigrams, Moretuni Terentii Andrea; and for prose authors, Corderius Minora Erasmi Colloquia, Ludovici vivis Dialogi, Minores Ciceronis Epistolæ; and for sacred pense, Ursius Catechism Dialogi sacri Sebastiani.

Item, with the second part of the grammar, Virgills Eclogs, Ovid Metamorphosis, Virgils fourth book of Georgeicks; and for prose authors, Curtius Salust, Cæsars Comentars; and for sacred lessons, Buchanans Paraphrase on the Psalms.

Item, with the third part of the grammar, Virgils second and sixth Æneids, Horace Ods; and for prose authors, Ciceros Offices, Colloquia Erasmi Majora, Sweton; and for sacred pense, Buchannans Paraphrase continued.

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Item, with the fourth parte of the grammar, some of the select satyrs and epistles of Horace, the tenth and thirteenth satyrs of Juvenall, some of Persius satyrs, and for prose Floru's Livius first decad, and Buchannans Chronicle, togither with the turneing and makeing of vers, dictats of Rhetorick, and rules of elegancie, to which is to be added some practice in composeing and resolveing orations, conforme to the rules of Rhetorick.

Item, after Dispauters grammar is taught that Kirkwoods Ortheographie and syntax be learned, with his tractat de *variis caminum generibus*.

Item, from Vivis Dialogs all along thorow the rest of the prose authors, the choisest sentences of each dayes lessone be dictat in Latin and English, together with the versions of each days lesson, and for each lesson thorough out the severall factions ther be a dayly conferrence appointed.

Item, as to compositione that the publict arguments be dictat three tymes in the week, and besids these the high class to have fyve arguments more.

Item, that on Saturndays foirenoone ther be disputs, repeating of rules and authors, publictly out of the severall classes by course, and once a week all the rules and questions of the Shorter Catechism are to be repeated publictly.

Item, in the winter quarter each scholar of the higher class repeat a fable of Æsop from the publict dask befor the whole schooll.

Thirdlie, that the masters and doctors of the Grammar Schooll shall give due attendance the tyme of Christsmes at the useall hours every day, and shall suffer non of thair scholars to withdraw at that tyme, unless such whose parents and freinds shall desyre it of the master, and that if any scholar shall theronn absent himself, without leave asked and given, the master shall not receave him again into the school without punishment, conform to the discipline of the schooll in the caice of absents, of whom he is to gine account at the visitatione, every first Thursday of Februarie therafter.

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Fourthlie, that the hebdomader be present dayly in the schooll at seven aclock in the morneing both summer and winter, except betwixt Hallowday and Candlemes, when the scholars are onlie to conveen at nyne in the morneing.

Fifthly, that upon every play day the hebdomader for that week shall goe along with the scholars to the hill when they get the play, and that ther be no disorders nor abuse amongst them, and bring them back to the schooll at ringing of the bell.

Sixthly, that the hebdomader shall every Sabbath day sitt in the litle dask befor the loft door in the church to notice that no scholar goe out of the church without his leave.

Seventhlie, that the discipline of the schooll be observed as follows:—*Inprimis*, that publict prayers be said every morneing and every evineing.

Item, on the sabbath day after prayers being said at the second bell, that the questions of the Shorter Catechism be examined in the severall classes in the afternoon from the second bell to the third bell, the high class to giue ane account of the catechism with the scripturall proofs, togither with the exposition of a chapter of the Latin New Testament, and after sermon that they conveen (prayer being said) and giue account of ther notes, and shutting up all with prayer, be dismissed.

Item, that in makeing of thems and disputs each haue his adversary for stirring up emulation.

Item, that ther be chosen out of the high class whom the masters judge most fitt for their observance and faithfulnes, so many as may have inspectione of the rest of the schooll vnder the masters called *decurios*, of whom each hath six committed to his care, who take ane account if they have prayed, and read a portione of scriptur, of which they are to give a verse, as also to notice that ther hands be washen, ther heads combed, and ther cloaths neat, and to take ane account of two questions of the Shorter Catechisme each day, and at ten o'clock the *decurios* to give up ther lists of such as are faultie, togither with the absents of the morneing and preceiding day, as also censors of such as speak English,

prophan talk, or swearcing, thoroughout the severall factions be taken account of. 23 October 1700.

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Item, in tyme of prayer that each *decurio* goe to the factione under his inspectione.

Item, that on each Monday the perturbers of, and absents from the church, be called to ane severe account.

Item, that on each Saturnday the publict tables be exacted.

Eightly. That the master pitch upon some fitt persone to be janitor who is to officiat instead of the publict censor, and doe all other ductie incumbent on a janitor, and have for his panis from each scholar twelve pennies Scots money quarterly.

Nynthlie. That the first three lawfull dayes of Januarie be allowed to the schollars for play dayes, instead of the Yooll vaicance, and so furth quarterly thorowout the yeir.

Tenthly. That in absence of the principall master, any of the other masters present may exercise discipline upon any of the scholars offending.

Eleventhlie. That the master shall use his endeavors to cause all the scholars repair to the schooll each Sabbath day after the afternoons sermon, and give ane account what they have heard that day, and in what church; and the visitors at ther quarterly visitations are strictly to enquyre into the observance of this.

Tuelvthly. If parents complain on the master for correcting of their children, the master shall not be called befor the latron on that account, till first the quarterly visitors haveing examined the wholl mater privatly, and heard both parties and taken informatione, and report if need be; and if any parent be found to complaine without cause, they shall be fyned or otherwayes censured, as the magistrats shall think fitt, and that the child be chastised for his unjust complaint.

Thirteenthly. That the severall classes in the schooll be called to the church scervices, as the ministers shall find convenient (they acquainting the masters therwith tuentie four hours befor), wher they are to be examined anent their knowledge of the principles of religione.

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Fourteenthly. That for the winter quarter, from the first of November to the first of Februarie, the scholars are not to conveen till nyn in the morning, and are to stay till twelue aclock befoire noon.

Fifteenthly. That every scholar pay his school dues at the begineing of each quarter.

Sixteenthly. That ther be two of the scholars appointed to go to each of the two churches every Sabbath day, at the second bell afternoon, and betuixt that and the last bell, to repeat such ane portione of the Shorter Catechisme as shall be appointed to them from tyme to tyme, and this to begin after the nixt quarterly visitatione.

Seventeenthly. That those in the grammer schooll who are learneing to write shall only be taught by the masters of the high English schooll, and that they write only in the loft above the grammar schooll, betwixt seven and twelue befor noon, and that the master of the gramer schooll notice ther writeing, and complain of the masters if the English schooll give not due attendence.

10 May 1702.

Purchase of Skila sclats approved of.

10 *May* 1702.

The said day, the counsell homologats and aproves of the dean of gild, his buyeing of about 35,000 Skila sclat, for the use of the Tolbooth clerks chamber, and publict uses, from Archbald Galbraith, skipper in Glasgow.

10 October 1703.

Anent travelling on the Sabbath day.

10 *October* 1703.

The counsell ordaines ane proclamatioune to be put throw the towne be the drum, dischargeing all hyrers and stablers from giveing out or hyreing any horses to any persone for ryding or travelleing on the Sabbath day, even altho the horses belong to the traveller, and that under the faillie of ten pund, *toties quoties*.

21 *March* 1705.

21 March 1705.

The said day, the counsell appoints . . . that in all tyme comeing the masters of church work receave from each person who shall burne incense or perfume at the interment of ther freinds, in the church, four pund Scots, and each interment in the churchyard, fourtie shilling Scots.

Act anent incense used at funerals.

10 *April* 1706.

10 April 1706.

The said day, the counsell allowes and ordaines Robert Stuart, baillie, to buy also much lead as will be sufficient for the pipes and cisterns anent bringing in the watter to this place from the Cardanus wall, which shall be repayed by the thesaurer, and the said thesaurer shall grant bund for releif theroff.

Lead for pipes and cisterns to be bought.

29 *May* 1706.

29 May 1706.

The said day, the counsell homologats and approves of the thesaurers agreement with James Mackie and John Burnet, maisons, for building the first font at the spring of Cardanus well for ten pund sterleing, the thesaurer only furnishing lyme cunnes and casting the found.

Act anent the first font for the watter.

Eodem die.

Eodem die.

The said day, the counsell appoints the thesaurer to grant band to the master of mortificatiounes, or any other of the office bearers, for what money they can lend out at this tyme, and to apply the same for bringing in the spring watter, and that his bands bear the same, and to clear Baillie Stuart for the leid and haill expenssis theranent of the first end thereof.

Money to be borrowed for the expense of bringing in spring water.

21 Feb. 1708.

A gratuity voted to the plumber and drink money to his servants.

21 *February* 1708.

The said day, the counsell considering the many retardements that Joseph Foster, plumber, hath met with in bringing in the water to this place, and that therefore it is reasonable he be gratified for the samen, they therefore allow to him the soume of two hundereth pund Scots money, and ordaines the thesaurer to pay the same to him, with thirty six pund Scots of drink money to his servants.

15 March 1708.

The toun mustered and put in arms on account of the threatened invasion of the French.

15 *March* 1708.

The said day, the counsell takeing into serious consideratione the present threatned invasione of the Frenches, and that severalls of the French fleet have been seen for severall dayes bygone vpon this coast, they thought fitt that the whole towne should be mustered this day, and that the major, captain, leivtenants, and ensigns over each particular company should be appoynted, and that dureing the present junctur a company should watch the toune each night, and that a part of them should goe every night to the Blockhouse; the counsell forsaid did accordinglie divyde the toune in twelve companyes in manner following, and appoynted Major John Bannerman, Alexander Middletone, and Johne Lumsden, captains of the artillery; and also appoynted Archibald Forbes of Putachie, captain; George Burnet, apothecary, livetennent, and Johne Irvine, ensigne, of the first divisione of Footie quarter, viz., from the beginning to Gilbert Moir, coupers, and including the haill towne of Footie: *Item*, Walter Gordone, merchant, captaine; Johne Burnet, Poles merchant, livetennent; and Charles Gordone, advocate, ensigne, for the haill rest of Footie quarter: *Item*, John Leslie, merchant, captain; James Anderson, glasier, livetenent; and Thomas Shand, merchant, ensigne, for the first divisione of the Green quarter, viz., from James Flemings to the Netherkirkgate port: *Item*, George Stewin, merchant, captain; Hary Elphineston, merchant, livetennent; and Johne Cumming, merchant, ensigne, from

the Netherkirkgate port to the Windmilne: *Item*, George Fordyce, merchant, captain; George French, litster, livetennent; and Hugh Hay, merchant, for the haill rest of the quarter: *Item*, Patrick Bannerman, merchant, captain; Robert Moor, levetennent; and Johne Paton, advocate, ensigne, for the first divisione of the Crooked quarter, viz., from the beginning to the Upper Kirkgate Port: *Item*, William Souper, merchant, captain; Johne Strachan, junior, livetennent; and John Owen, merchant, ensign, from the said port to Alexr. Ross, painters: *Item*, William Moir, merchant, captain; William Lindsay, goldsmith, livetenant; and Patrick Sandilands, advocate, ensigne, from the said Alexr. Ross to Johne Davidsone, merchants: *Item*, John Gordon, apothecary, captain; John Gordon, litster, livetennent, and James Gordone, Ardmelly, merchant, ensigne for the haill rest of the quarter: *Item*, James Gordon, late dean of gild, captain, William Simson, merchant, livetennent, and George Forbes, junior, ensigne for the first divisione of the Even quarter, viz:—from the beginning to Baillie Moirs relicts: *Item*, John Burnet, Daludies, captain, Alexander Paterson, armorer, livetennent, and Robert Burnet, merchant, ensigne from Baillies Moirs relicts, to Charles Lauries: *Item*, John Douglas, merchant, captain, Peter Shand, merchant, livetennent, and Alexander Ragg, younger, merchant, ensigne for the haill rest of the quarter.

15 March. 1708. — The toun mustered and put in arms on account of the threatened invasion of the French.

7 *April* 1708.

7 April 1708. — Adress to the Queen on the delivery from the pretended French invasion.

The said day the counsell appoints ane adress to be sent to her Majestie congratulating her upon the delyverie from the pretended French invasione, and the same to be drawn vp be the magistrats, and signed be the haill counsell, which adress being accordingly drawen, the tenor thereof followes, viz:—To the Queens most excellent Majestie, the address of the magistrats, &c., of Aberdein. May it please your Maiestie that a disafected and disloyall pairty at hom and abroad abuseing your Majesties and the governements clemency, have been (with a monstrous ingratitude) against so good a Queen and best of administrations, hatching a French

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invasion is now no longer matter of dissent or conjecture; for preventeing of which ruineing stroak, as your Majesties wise and early discerning, and countenanceing your only true and best freinds among your Majesties subjects, and euer since giveing the world to know your Maties most gracious and firm resolutions that way, is what hath undoubtedly (by the divyne blessing) laid foundation for the signall deliverance which this land hath met with at this dangerous conjuncture, so also your Maties manyfold and great victoryes abroad, suppressing the power and exorbitant pride of the French armyes, oblidgeing the common enimye (more ther ever) to make his outmost and last efforts, but above all your Majesties late unparaleled vigilance and diligince in fitting out such a strong fleet, with ane unheard of dispatch, at once confounding the measures and ruining that great French project (so soon, and so much boasted of at foraigne courts) cannot but persuade the French king to lay asyde his late usurped prerogative of creating kings at his pleasure. In the mean tyme wee humbly beg leave to assure your Maiestie, both for ourselves and the people we represent, that wee are so deeply perswaded of your Majesties sole and rightfull claim and title to the crown of your royall ancestors, of the great happines wee enjoy, both in spiritualls and temporalls, wnder your Majestie, and the present establishment of church and state, as on the other hand of the unspeakable confusion, and misery of all kinds, which the success of the popish pretenders enterprise would have infalibly introduced, that in the deepest sincerity of our hearts, wee declair that wee are resolved to stand by your Maiestie with our lyves and fortunes, as our only lawfull soveraign in opposition to the pretended prince of Wales, now unsurping, and taking upon himself the name and title of James the eighth, or third, king of Great Britain, and all his adherents whatsoever, that your Majestie may enjoy a long, prosperous, and glorious reign, that the royall succession may always continue in the protestant, that the grand disturber of the peace of Europe may be subdued and humbled by your Maiesties armor, and those of your high allies, that any conspirators who have joyned with the pretender may be discovered and

duely discouraged, that the reformed protestant religion may for ever be established and flourish more and more in your Majesties dominions, is and shall be the earnest prayer of, may it please your Majestie, your Majesties most faithfull, most dutifull, and most obedient subjects (so subscribed), John Gordon, provest, and the haill rest of the counsell.

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19 *May* 1708.

19 May 1708. — Act, William Lindsay for keeping the wells.

The said day, anent the petition gevin in to the counsell be William Lindsay, goldsmith, burges of Aberdein, mentioning that whair at thair honors desyre he haid attended and keeped the springs in ther course to the toune, and the fountaines running within the town, ane full year preceiding the first of May instant, that he might giue publick satisfactione and tryall, both of the sufficiencie and conduct of the work, and of his being qualified to attend and keep the same, before any annuall sallary should be settled on him, for attendance and personall service, in so far as concerned him, labourers and materialles being furnished, and that upon his application to ther honors theranent, ther was some of ther number communed with him, to adequat and adjust ane sallary on him for the keeping of the said work, to whome he gave all reasonable satisfactione for his demands, which they either hade or would report upon, which he hoped their honours would take to consideratione, and consert on suche measurs cordially, as would engadge him to continew faithfull and usefull in this work, for which they would appoynt the thesaurer to enter in contract with him dureing his lyfetime and service, as in the said petition at more length is contenit; the provost, baillies, and counsell, having heard, seen, and considered the said petition, and finding that the petitioner hade done good service to the towne, and been most usefull in bringing in the water to this burghe ever since the beginning to the finishing therof, and that he was abundantly qualified to take cair of the said work in tym comeing, therfor they elected, nominat, and choosed the said William Lindsay to oversee the said worke during his lyfetym, and

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good service, and remaining, and residing in the burgh of Aberdeen, and appointed the thesaurer to enter in contract with him at the magistrats sight, and to pay him two hundereth pund yeirly during the space above exprest, for performing of the articles above written, and the other claussis to be mentioned in his contract, the said William Lindsay being alwayes oblidged to teatch a person of his own choosing, that he might be capeable to attend and take care of the wells after his decease, removeall, or non residence as said is.

11 Sept. 1708.

A brass statue to be placed on the fountain in the Castlegate.

11 *September* 1708.

The said day, the counsell appoints the thesaurer to enter in contract with William Lindsay, goldsmith, anent his making patterns of a statue of three foot and a half high, conform to the draught seen and approven be the counsell, and moulding and casting of the same statue in good and sufficient brass, to be furnished by the said William Lindsay, and anent repairing and finishing the said statue after casting therof, and to sett up the same on the fountain in the Castlegate, and soddering the screwes to receave the figurs for the water to play and issue from the said statue, and the four antick faces on the corners, as is to be more fully contenit in the said contract, and appoynts the thesaurer to pay sixty pund sterling for the said work, on half within eight dayes, and the other half when the work is finished, and he to be free of taxation for the said work.

26 July 1709.

Broads to be got for the mortifications.

26 *July* 1709.

The said day, the counsell appoynted the haill mortificationes to be extended on broads, and each mortification to have a broad and extended theron.

4 *January* 1710.

4 Jan. 1710.

Act in favouris of Patrik Copland for haveing his stable exempted from quartering souldiers horses.

The said day, anent the petition given in be Patrik Copland, merchant in Aberdeen, mentioning that whair he had purchased a tenement of inland, with the closs and pertinents lying in the Shipraw of this burghe, wherto he was to enter to the possession at Whitsunday nixt to come, and wes to keep a publict tavern and inn for the accommodating of strangers and other persons, and narrating that ther was nothing so much wanting for accomodating of strangers by publict change keepers within this burgh as stables, and that he was designed to erect and build a stable wpon his owne heritadge for accomodating allanerly strangers horses, who should quarter transiently with him, provyding that he should not be obliged to receave and take in souldiers horsis, and that without the said exemption, and ane act therfor by their honours, he would not vndertake to build the said stable, and that his only end and designe in building the same wes merely to accomodat his own quarterers as said is, and not to make the said stable publict and common for all kynd of horssis whether quarterers or not, and so to make gain therby, and therfor craved ther honours to consider the premisses and grant him the said exemption of having his stable, when built, free from keeping souldiers horses, and of quartering them therin, and grant ane act therupon, which would encourage him and otheris in his circumstances to erect and build stables for accomodating strangeris horses quartering with them, as in the said petition at more length wes conteinit; the saids provest, baillies, and counsell haveing heard, seen, and considered the said petition, and being at length weall, and ripely, advysed therewith, they find that stables are greatly wanting for accomodating strangers horses, quartering in publict taverns, passing transiently thorrow this towne, and that change keepers should be encouraged for the accomodating of them, and for that effect declares the petitioners stable, when built, free from keeping souldiers horses in ther locall quarters in all tyme comeing, except that the samen be made common for other horsses then his owne quarterers, and lodgers.

1 March 1710.

For visiting of the wells, &c.

1 *March* 1710.

The said day, the counsell nominats the haill counsell, with Robert Stuart, late baillie, John Gordon, apothecary, Mr Alexr. Moir, regent, James Moir of Stoneywood, and William Souper, John Gray, James Catanach, and William Gordon, Govell, to goe out and visit the springs of the haill wells, and anent geting more water entered to the water courses, and recommends to the baillie of the chamber to call them.

Eodem die.

Washing at wells and tramping in tubs prohibited.

Eodem die.

The said day, the counsell prohibits and discharges all persons from washing anything at the wells within the towne, or keeping of any stands or casks at any of the fountain wells longer then they fill them, and appoynts the towne sergands, or any wthers to breake the casks, stands, and panns, they find at the saids wells, contrair to this act, and to make use of the brass and timber therof for their owin vse, they always bringing the broken panns first to the clerks chamber, as also discharges all women from washing and tramping in tubbs wpon any pairt of the streets of this burgh under the faillie of twenty punds Scots, and appoynts this to be intimat be tuck of drum.

Eodem die.

Act for putting up a timber statu on the well at the cross.

Eodem die.

The said day, the counsell considering that the brass statue that was appoynted to be put up on the fountain wall at the cross, was not yet ready, and that they thought that the timber statu being coloured and gilded might serve, they therfor appointed the samen to be put up by William Lindsay, as also the jetdo's wpon the said William his expenssis, for which he is to haue allowance of the ballance of the thirty pund sterling already payed him, and his taxation free from Whitsunday 1707 to Whitsunday 1708 years.

24 *May* 1710.

24 May 1710.

Thanks to Mr Thomas Blackwell for his two works, one of which was dedicated to the council.

The said day, the counsell takeing into ther consideration that Mr Thomas Blackwell, one of the ministers of Aberdeen, hade dedicat unto them ane book intituled *Ratio Sacra*, or ane appeall unto the rationall world, about the reasonableness of revealed religion, and that the said Mr Thomas Blackwell hade also dedicat unto the Lords of Session ane other book intituled *Schema Sacrum*, or a sacred scheme of naturall and revealled religion, and hade caused deliver in compliment to every one of the counsell, one of each of the forsaids two books, and therfor the said counsell recomended to the magistrats that they would be pleased, how soon the said Mr Blackwell returned from Edinburgh, frae the Generall Assembly, to goe to his house and in ther names returne to the said Mr Blackwell ther hearty thanks, not only for dedicating of the forsaid book to them, but also for his causeing deliver in complement to every one of them one of each of the saids two books.

23 *June* 1710.

23 June 1710.

Act for repairing of the ports of the towne.

The said day, the counsell appoynts the dean of gild to repair and help the haill ports of the towne that are decayed, with oaken timber.

23 *October* 1710.

23 Oct. 1710.

Act anent some regulations in the grammar schooll.

The said day the counsell ratified . . . the following regulations made be the visitors of the grammar schooll, wpon the fyfteinth day of June last bypast, for the better regulating of the said schooll, and the greater proficiency of the schollars therin, viz:—that all intrants to the said schooll shall hereafter be taught Kirkwood's Grammar, which is judged preferrable to that of Dispauter: *Item*, that the whole schollars of the said schooll (excepting the elimentarians) be reduced to four classes, after the first day of November nixt to come, and that all and every one

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in each of the said classes, learn one and the same lesson, and that the saids elimentarians (being distinct from the forsaid four classes) be taught equally by the three *Hypodidascali per vices* weekly or monethly as they shall agree: *Item*, that when the said schooll is reduced to four classes, as said is, that thereafter the master of the said schooll shall teatch his lessons publictly therein: *Item*, that intimation be made publictly to the inhabitants of this burgh, that it will conduce much to the interest of youth that befor they be entered to the said schooll they be taught to read English perfectly, and to write weell, and somewhat of arithmetick and musick, and that non enter to the said grammar schooll befor they be nyn years of age, unless they be of a large capacity and engyne.

29 Nov. 1710.

Act anent the Quakers with reference to the burges oath.

29 *November* 1710.

The said day, anent the petition given in to the counsell of Aberdeen be Robert Barclay of Urie, and others of the people called Quakers, sons of burgers, and inhabitants of the said burgh of Aberdeen, in behalfe of themselves and others of ther freinds concerned, mentioning that whairas in the tyme of a severe persecutione upon the Quakers in this place, ther wes ane act of counsell made debarring them from being admitted burgers therin, which hath of late been improved not only with respect to the Quakers, but as a further hardship upon other protestants, (witnes the new forme of the burger oath printed last winter) whoever shall owne or profess Quakerisme shall thereby renounce all benefit and priviledge competent to them as burgesses, this the petitioners humbly conceaved wes a depryveing them, and those who owned or professed Quakerisme, of ther naturall and civill rights, most of the petitioners being sons of burgers, and all of them recognized by the Queen and Parliament as protestant dissenting subjects, witness severall acts of parliament, both befor and since the Union: the petitioners therfor humbly craved that this present counsell would be pleased to rescind the said act as contrary to the liberty and property of the subject, that they and their posterity

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might, according to the inclinations of the Queen and parliament, enjoy ther just right and priveledge, and the petitioners as in duty bound should ever pray, &c., (*sic sub.*) Rob. Barclay, Alexr. Jeffrey, John Somervaile, Daniel Hamilton . . . The saids provost, baillies, and counsell haveing heard, read, and considered the said petition . . . find that long befor the happy revolution, and ever since, all persons who were admitted burgers of this burgh are oblidged by the burger oath to swear that they profess and shall adhere to the true reformed Protestant religion, denying the heresies of Popery and Quakerisme; which burger oath being made by ther predicessors severall years agoe, and conveyed down to the present towne counsell, they think they cannot alter or rescind the said burger oath, and the petitioners have no ground to complaine against the forsaid burger oath, seeing its notourly knowne that all Quakers children whose parents were burgers, are allowed liberty to trade, alse freely as any other burgers, though they be not actually admitted burgers, because they will not take oaths, and ther is no Quaker who holds any lands or fishing of the toune, but allanerly the said Alexander Jaffrey of Kingswells, who is actually entered to the saids lands of Kingswells, and infeft and seased therein, till severall years agoe.

6 *February* 1711.

6 Feb. 1711.

Act anent some regulations in the grammar schooll.

The said day, the provost represented that conforme to ane act of counsell, of the dait the twenty nynth day of November last bypast, impowering him and some others of the counsell, with the ministers and masters of the Marischall Colledge of Aberdeen to goe and visit the Grammar Schooll of this burgh; accordingly upon the thirty day of the said moneth of November, they did goe and visit the same, and that the saids visitors then conveened, did choose some of ther own number as a committy for adjusting the method of teatching the Latine tongue in the said Grammar Schooll, and for making some regulations theranent, and that the said committy hade severall tyms met togither and communed

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with the masters of the said schooll, and at last after reasoneing on severall poynts relative to the said mater, they hade come to a resolution thereanent, which being this day read in counsell they approved, and hereby approves of the following regulations, adjusted and agreed to by the said committy, viz:—*Primo*, that all intrants to the said Grammar Schooll shall hereafter be taught Kirkwoods last edition of Dispauter; *Secundo*, that the whole schollars of the said schooll (excepting the elementarians) be reduced to four classes from and after the eight day of February instant, conforme to a list of the schollars names in a paper apairt, and that all and every one in each of the saids classes learne one and the same lesson, and that the saids elementarians (being distinct from the saids four classes) be taught for this vice be Mr William Mestone, one of the doctors of the said schooll: *Tertio*, that each doctor of the said schooll hereafter shall bring up the class, *per vices*, untill they deliver them over to the cheif master: *Quarto*, that the first or lower class shall every year be formed, the first week of November (when the highest class goes off to colledge) out of these who have lately been entered to schooll, or only imployed formerly in reading Latine, or not duely qualified to begine the grammar, and that the doctor who falls to teatch that class shall carry them thorrow the rudiements, vocables, and small authors adjoyned, with all the dispatch and diligence that the capacity of the young schollars cane allow, so that they may have carefully repeated the rudiements, and be fully instructed in the elements, that after ane exact examination at the generall visitatione the year following, they may be found duely qualified to be advanced to the grammar, and such of them as upon the testimoney of the doctor of the class and cheif master, and after tryall, are not judged to be sufficiently qualified, either for want of capacity, application, or attendance, are to begin the rudiements againe with the succeiding class. *Quinto*, in order to compose this class (on which all the rest doe in a great measure depend), the counsell appoynts the citizens to be advertised to enter ther children to the said grammar schooll at Roodday and Lambas allanerly, duely prymed in reading Eng-

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lish, so that the master of the lowest class (who having shortest lessons will have most tyme to attend the tyrones) may employ them in reading Latine, mandating vocables, or such other exercisses as shall be thought fitt to imploy them in untill the season of formeing them into a class, and that all who have not entered seasoneably and are not fitted for begining to learne the Latine tongue, or to be reduced into a class, shall be continued reading, and employed as above exprest untill the nixt years class be formed; and every schollar comeing from the countrey shall be carefully examined by the master and all the doctors joyntly, and entered into such a class as they shall judge him best qualified for. *Sexto*, the forsaid class, now the second, shall in the beginning of November following ascend and be entered into the grammar, so that they may in the compass of the second year be taught all the etymologie or first pairt, and some of the second, which, togither with such authors as are prescryved be the regulations anno 1700, or as may be appointed by any other visitation, may very well be taught and repeated over againe within the space of a year. *Septimo*, the said class, now the third, shall in the begining of the third November be carryed foreward in the grammar, so that in a year more they may learn the remander of the syntax, prosody, or third pairt, and the few pages relating to orthographie, and so compleit the whole grammar which may be thus conveniently taught and repeated within two years tyme; and the authors to be taught this third class may be such as were formerly, or may be afterwards appoynted, conform to the progress in grammar. *Octavo*, the rudiements and grammar being carefully taught, repeated over, and inculcat within the space of three years as is above proposed, with the proper authors suted to the capacityes and advances of the scholars, so that constant practise may accompany the precepts, the class is, in the begining of November in the fourth year to be delivered off to the cheif master of the schooll, and to fall under his particular manadgement, whose work shall be to imploy the highest or fourth class in expounding and resolving authors, calculat for ther proficiency in themms, versions, poeticall composurs, and orations, accompanyed with a

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constant repetition of the rules and most abstruse or necessary portions of the grammar. *Nono*, after the first day of May every year, the said cheif master shall teatch his class some very plain and short treatise of rhetorick by slow advances, along with other exercises. *Decimo*, that the said cheife master shall every year teatch a compleit sett of new authors, and that ther be but only one prose, and one other verse author togither besyd the sacred lesson, and some dyets for reading or practiseing coloquies. *Undecimo*, that ther be four quarterly visitations in the said school punctually observed, and that such boys as are then found not to be capable to keep pace with the rest of the class fall into the nixt lower class, which will much contribut to ther advantage as well as to the good order of the schooll. *Duodecimo*, that the dyetts for teatching the grammar and authors in the said schooll be the same that were formerly. *Decimo tertio*, that the cheif master provyde two catalogues at every visitation of the names of the schollars in the severall classes, and of the places of grammar and authors they are learning, and what they have learned since the last visitation, one whereof to be kept be the toune clerk, and to be brought along with the *leges schole*, and the other to be lodged in the schoolls among the books, and the saids provost, baillies, and councell appoynted, and hereby appoynts, the haill above regulations to be observed and keeped in tyme comeing by all concerned; and for the further encouragement of learning they appoynt some public actione to be acted in the Grammar Schooll, each year the day following the generall visitation of the said school in October. As also in order to a further progress of the youth, and for giveing them vivacity in the Latine tongue, with some boldness and confidence they appoynted . . . a publict theater to be erected in some publict place of the toune, as the counsell shall think fit, upon the touns expensses once every three year, and ther some publict action to be acted by the schollars of the said schooll. . .

13 *March* 1712.

13 March 1712.

Act refuseing to registrat a letter anent the Quakers.

The said day, ther being a letter produced be the provost, directed to the magistrats from the Queens Advocat, in February last, desyreing them to take the Quakers solemne affirmatione in place of ane oath in any bussienes they might have before the towne courts, and which letter the Lord Advocat desyred to be recorded in the counsell books of the said burgh. And the provost haveing asked the haill counsells mynd if the said letter should be recorded in the said counsell books, it wes the unanimous opinion of the counsell that it wes not proper to registrat the said letter in ther books, because they knew no law in Scotland appoynting the Quakers affirmation to be taken in place of judiciall oaths.

6 *August* 1712.

6 Aug. 1712.

Act for an address to her Majestie.

The said day, the counsell appoynts ane address to her Majestie for the peace and establishing the succession in the Protestant lyne in the house of Hanover. . .

18 *June* 1713.

18 June 1713.

Well money to be taxed as formerly.

The said day, the haill court unanimously agreed that the towne shall be taxed as formerly, for the interest of the sowme of the expenses of bringing in the water, with one hundereth pund Scots of the principall sowme, and William Lindsays sallary.

21 *August* 1714.

21 August 1714.

Act of Privy Council for altering the burges oath as to Quakers and Papists.

The said day, Robert Barclay of Urie presented ane Act of the Privie Counsell of Great Britain, dated the 21 day of June 1714 yeirs . . . whereof the tenor followes:—Att the Court at Kensington the 21 day of June 1714, Present the Queens Most Excellent Majesty, Lord Chancellour, Lord Treasurer, Lord Privie Seall, Lord Chamberlane, Duke of Ormond,

21 Aug. 1714.

Act of Privy Council for altering the burges oath as to Quakers and Papists.

Lord Steward, Earle of Northampton, Earle of Clarendon, Earle of Rochester, Earle of Abingdon, Earle of Mar, Earle of Loudon, Earle of Findlater, Earl of Orkney, Viscount Bolinbroke, Bishop of London, Lord Berkley, Lord Guilford, Lord Trevor, Mr Boyle, Mr Secretary Bromley: Whereas her Majesty was pleased by her order in Counsell of the 30th of July last, to refer to a Committie of the Lords of her Majesties most honourable Privie Counsell, a report from the Barons of her Majesties Exchequer in North Britane concerning the alterations lately made in the oath appoynted to be taken by the burgers of Aberdeen, whereby they are compelled to renounce the heresies of Popery and Quakerisme; and if they apostatize from the Protestant religion, by owning or professing Popery or Quakerisme, that they are to renounce all benefit and priviledge competent to them as burgers of Aberdeen, like as if they hade never been admitted thereto; as also a petition of the Quakers inhabiting in and about that city, praying that the said oath may be disannulled as not warrantable by law. In pursuance of which said referrence, ther Lordships haveing considered the said report, and also heard Mr Solicitor Generall of that pairt of Great Britaine called Scotland, did this day humbly offer it as ther oppinion, that those additional words of which the said Quakers complaine ought not to be inserted in the said burgers oath, as not being warranted by law, and that her Majesty would be pleased to direct the magistrats there that the said additional words of the oath be left out, as far as they concerne the Quakers; which being taken into consideration, her Majesty is pleased to approve thereof, and accordingly with the advyce of the Privie Counsell, to order, as it is hereby ordered, that the additional words of the said oath be left out, so far as they concerne the Quakers . . . (So subscribed) Christopher Musgrave. After reading of the above Act . . . the said Robert Barclay requyred the saids magistrats and counsell to give obedience thereto . . . which Act of Privie Counsell being considered, the magistrats and counsell, in obedience thereto ordered . . . the additional words in ther burger oath, so far as they concerne the Quakers, to be left out in the said oath. . .

3 *August* 1715.

3 Aug. 1715.

Act for putting the toune in a posture of defence.

The said day, the provost represented that thair being a report that the Highlanders were in some motion and lyke to ryse, and might perhaps attack this towne, he hade called a meeting of the most of the burgers and trades, and took ther advice, who all unanimously resolved that the magistrats and counsell should putt the towne in the best posture of defenss that they could, and accordingly the magistrats hade taken advyce of Major Gordon, Captain Stewart, Captain Bannerman, and Captain Erskine, how to fortifie the towne; which being seriously considered be the counsell, they approved what was already done, and recomended to the magistrats to putt the town in the best posture of defenss they cane, with all convenient speed, and appoynts the thesaurer to pay what money shall be found necessary theranent, and appoynts William Lindsay to be overseer of the said work, and the thesaurer to grant bond for the same.

Eodem die.

Eodem die.

Act for buying 200 guns and als many bayenotts.

The said day, the counsell recomends to the provost to buy two hundered stand of armes, viz., gunns and bayenotts for the use of the towne, with all convenient dilligence. Robert Stewart, provost.

15 *September* 1715.

15 Sept. 1715.

Act for the thesaurer to grant bonds for the soums borrowed be him on the touns account as thesaurer.

The said day, the thesaurer represented that he being allowed by a former act of counsell to borrow some money for the use of the said burgh, and that be the said act he wes appoynted to grant his own band as a privat man for the saids sowms, and that now ther being appearance of tumults and confusions thorrow the kingdome, which may interupt him of geting payment of the funds which ought to pay the saids debts, and therfor desyreing that the counsell would be pleased to allow him to grant bonds for the saids debts, as thesaurer; which being considered be the

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magistrats and counsell, they granted, and hereby grants liberty to William Forbes to grant bond as thesaurer for the money borrowed be him on the townes account, and withall recomends to the said thesaurer to be as dilligent in geting payment of the debts due to his charge as if he hade granted his own proper bonds as aforsaid.

15 Sept. 1715.

Act impowering the dean of gild to give bills for the powder taken up by the merchants by order of government.

15 *September* 1715.

The said day, it being represented that the Justice-Clerk hade written to the magistrats, and sent ane order to them to seaze and take up all the powder from the merchants of this towne, and that accordingly they hade receaved from the merchants following the respective quantityes of powder underwritten, viz., from Patrick Ross, merchant, ane half kinken conteining twentie fyue pund weight: *Item*, from Alexander Gordon, merchant, ane kinken, and ane halfe kinken conteining seventy fyue pund weight: *Item*, from Alexander Hunter, merchant, two kinkens conteining seventy fyue pund weight: *Item*, from Thomas Niven, merchant, two kinkens conteining eighty ane pund and three quarters of a pund weight: *Item*, from William Crukshank, merchant, one kinken conteining fifty pund weight: *Item*, from William Smith, merchant, two kinkens conteining one hundered pund weight: *Item*, from Jean Anderson, relict of the deceast Patrick Swape, merchant, one kinken conteining fifty pund weight: *Item*, from George Mowat, merchant, six kinkens conteining three hundered pund weight: *Item*, from William Gordon, merchant, six kinkens conteining three hundered pund weight: *Item*, from John Middleton, merchant, four kinkens conteining two hundered pund weight: *Item*, from James Bartlet, merchant, one kinken conteining fifty pund weight: *Item*, from William Sowper, merchant, six kinkens conteining three hundered pund weight: *Item*, from John Durward, four kinkens conteining two hundered pund weight: *Item*, from Duncan Gordon, merchant, one kinken conteining fifty pund weight: *Item*, from William Simson, merchant, six kinkens conteining three hundered pund weight: *Item*, from Alexander Aberdeen,

merchant, fyue kinkens and a halfe kinken conteining two hundered seventy fyue pund weight: *Item*, from James Catanach, merchant, seven and a halfe kinkens conteining six hundered twenty fyue pund weight: *Item*, from Alexander Strachan, merchant, four kinken conteining two hundered pund weight: *Item*, from William Ley, merchant, two kinkens and a halfe conteining one hundered and twenty fyue pund weight; *Item*, from Alexander Ragg, merchant, four kinkens conteining two hundered pund weight: *Item*, from Charles Copland, merchant, two kinkens conteining one hundered pund weight: extending the haill to three thousand six hundered eighty one pund weight and three quarters of a pund weight; and that the saids magistrats hade agreed with the saids merchants to giue them fourty pund Scots money for the hunderedweight of the said powder, and accordingly the deane of gild hade giuen bills for the same to the respective merchants above named, payeable six months after dait; and that by order of the said Justice-Clerk, the magistrats hade caused send twenty six hundered pund weight of the said powder to Edinburgh, to be delivered according to his Lordships order: Which haill premisses being considered be the magistrats and counsell of Aberdeen, they approved of the said dean of gild his granting bills for the said powder in the terms forsaid, and of the saids magistrats ther sending the said quantity for the use of the governement, and thir presents to be warrand to all concerned: As also in respect that Robert Gelly, merchant in Aberdeen, gave bond that the said quantity of powder sent to Edinburgh should not be exported out of the kingdome, thir presents is also warrand to him for releiveing him of the said bond, and of all damnadges he may sustaine thereby. Robert Stewart, provost.

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Act impowering the dean of gild to give bills for the powder taken up by the merchants by order of government.

17 *September* 1715.

17 Sept. 1715.

Act for putting the toun in a posture of defence.

The said day, it being represented by the provost to the counsell that ther were great rumours passing as if some insults and inroads were to be made upon this burghe by Highlanders and others, and that there-

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fore it were necessar that the toun were put in as good a posture of defence as is possible, which being considered be the counsell, they unanimously approved thereof, and recomended to the magistrates to cause put the toun in the best posture of defence that can be, and for that end to plant cannon round the toun at the most convenient places, and putt on iron cattbands, and doe every other things requisit theranent, and to deburse and ware out what money shall be requisit anent the premisses out of the common good of the burgh, and intimation to be made hereof by tuck of drum to the inhabitants.

28 Sept. 1715.

Election of Jacobite Council.

28 *September* 1715.

Att Aberdeen, the twenty eight day of September one thousand sevin hundred and fyftein years, about sunsetting a great many of the burgers of gild and tradsemen of this burgh haveing mett togither, and finding that the magistrats and counsell of this burgh hade absented themselves, and made no election of a magistracy and towne counsell for the ensuing year . . . and that the toune could not be without a magistracy and counsell: therfor the said meeting caused make publict intimation by touck of drum through the haill toune, acquainting the inhabitants hereof, and desyreing the haill burgers of gild and free craftsmen to meet the nixt day, being the twenty nynth instant, at eleven ocloak beforenoon, in the New Church of the said burgh, and there to elect and choose magistrats and counsellors by poll for the ensuing year, as hade been formerly practised . . . and accordingly the greatest pairt of the burgers of gild and free craftsmen of this burgh haveing mett in the said New Church . . . and therafter the sute roll of the haill burgers of gild and free craftsmen wes called, and severall lists made by sundry persons of a new counsell, and after perusall and consideratione thereof the saids haill burgers of gild and free craftsmen present did unanimously, without a contradictory vote, elect . . . the persons following to be magistrats and counsellors of this burgh . . . till Michaelmess one thousand seven hundred and six-

teen years, vizt., Patrick Bannerman, provost; John Leslie, John Burnet, William Simsone, and James Fyff, baillies; James Gordon, dean of gild; James Gelly, thesaurer; Thomas Shand, master of kirk and bridge works; John Clerk, master of mortifications; Alexander Strachan, master of hospitall; Robert Pitendreigh, master of impost; James Moir of Stonnywood, James Bisset younger of Lessindrum, Alexander Moir of Scotstoune, Captain John Bannerman, Doctor John Gordon, and James Catanach, merchants, single counsellors; and Patrick Gray, deacon conveener of the trades, and George Robertsone, cordoner, as two trades counsellors.

28 Sept. 1715. — Election of Jacobite Council.

17 *October* 1715.

17 Oct. 1715. — Act for 300 Lochabar axes to the camp at Perth.

The said day, the provost produced in counsell ane order from John Earle of Marr, commander-in-cheife of his Majesties forces in Scotland, ordering and requyring the magistrats of Aberdeen to cause make three hundered Lochabar axes, and to send them to the camp at Perth, or where the army should be at the tyme, for which they should be payed how soon the saids axes came to hand, conforme to the said order daited the fourteinth day of October instant, which being considered be the saids magistrats and counsel, they recommended to the saids magistrats to cause make the saids three hundered Lochaber axes, and to employ workmen within the toun and Old Aberdeen for that end, and thereafter to send them to the camp at Perth, or where the army shall be at the tyme, conforme to the said order from the said Earle of Mar. P. Bannerman, provost.

Eodem die.

Eodem die. — Act for six moneths cess extending to £200, 10s. 9d. sterling.

The said day, the said head court haveing heard the provost lay befor them the occasion of ther being called together at this tyme, and haveing heard the order from the Earle of Marr, commander-in-chief of his Majestie, King James the Eight, his forces in Scotland, daited at the camp in Perth, the sixth of October instant, commanding the magistrats

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Act for six moneths cess extending to £200, 10s. 9d. sterling.

and towne counsell to raise six moneths cess in full of all former cess, extending to the soume of two hundered pund ten shillings and nyn pence sterling money, to be proportioned in the usuall manner, and payed in to collector, to be appoynted be the magistrats and toune counsell of Aberdeen, betwixt and the thirty day of October instant, with certification, if they failled therein, that they would be quartered upon and poynded for the same, and ordained the said order to be published at the mercat cross of Aberdeen, that none might pretend ignorance, and which order wes accordingly published this day at the said mercat cross; and the same being read and considered in the said head court, and they being at length ripely and weell advised therewith, they unanimously ordained the said six moneths cess to be proportioned amongst the saids inhabitants, and to be payed into collector thereof, to be named by the saids magistrats and counsell, and that betwixt the dait hereof and the said thirty day of October instant, under the certificatione contenit in the above order from the said Earle of Marr.

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Act nominating the taxers.

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The said day, the counsell takeing into their consideration, that the head court, by their act this day, hade unanimously ordained the sowme of two hundered pund ten shillings and nyn pence sterling money, as six moneths cess, in full of all former cess, to be proportioned amongst the inhabitants, and to be payed betwixt and the thirty day of October instant, conforme to an order from the Earle of Marr, commander in chiefe of his Majestie King James the Eight his forces in Scotland, daited at the camp in Perth the sixth day of October instant, and to the effect the said cess may be proportioned in usuall maner amongst the said inhabitants, the provest, baillies, and counsell nominat and choosed the persons following to be taxers for proportioning and taxing the inhabitants for the said taxation, viz., John Lesly and John Burnet, baillies; William Forbes, late

thesaurer; William Sowper, James Brebner, Thomas Shand, John Cuming, Patrick Gelly, Andrew Thompsone, George Sincklair, William Smith, Alexander Gordon, Alexander Forbes, youngest, Thomas Niven, and Andrew Whyte, merchants in Aberdeen; James Gelly, thesaurer of Aberdeen; Patrick Gray, wright in Aberdeen; and George Robertsone, cordoner in the said burgh. P. Bannerman, provost.

17 October 1715. — Act nominating the taxers.

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20 October 1715. — Act for sending a printing press and types and utensills to Perth, and for paying the charges and expenses thereanent, and for granting ane oblidgement to James Nicoll, printer for the said press.

The said day, the provost produced ane order subscryved be the Earle of Marr, commander-in-cheife of his Majesties forces in Scotland, daited at Perth the fourteenth of October instant, directed to the magistrats of Aberdeen, ordering them furthwith to deliver to Robert Drummond, servant to Mr Robert Freebairne, the best printing press, with such typs, utensills, and other materialls as Mr Drummond should choise and find necessary, and to see them packed up in good order, and to provyde horsses and proper carriages for transporting them to Perth, or where the army should be at the tyme; after reading of which order, the provost held out that seeing the said press, typs, and other utensills, did not belong to the town, but to James Nicoll, printer, it wes just and reasoneable that he should be secured for redelivery thereof, or the value of the same, and that the thesaurer should advance what money is requisit for makeing boxes and others for holding the same, and for transporting all to Perth, or where the army shall be, and appoynts the theasurer to grant ane oblidgement to the said James Nicoll for returneing the forsaid press, typs, and utensills to him in alse good condition as they wer receaved, and makeing up any deterioration thereof, or paying him the value of the same; as also appoynts the thesaurer to pay what charges shall be deburssed for makeing boxes and other carriages for transporting the said press to Perth, or where the army shall be, and for men and horss hyre, and expenses in carrying the same there; and the saids expenses to be allowed to the

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thesaurer in the first end of the accompts; and the counsell will consider, when the printing press is returned, what loss the said James Nicoll sustains throw the want thereof. P. Bannerman, provost.

26 October 1715.

Act for intimating the Earle of Mars orders to the ministers of Aberdeen.

26 *October* 1715.

The said day, it being represented that Mr Thomas Blackwell, Mr Collin Campbell, and Mr Francis Melvill, ministers of Aberdeen, did always pray for King George as king of these realms, contrair to the orders emmitted by the Earle of Marr, of the daits at Pearth the fourth and fourteinth dayes of October instant, and that it wes incumbent upon them to cause the saids orders to be obeyed: therfor the counsell doe hereby nominat Thomas Shand, master of kirk and bridge works of Aberdeen, to cause read the two orders befor the saids three ministers, and to requyre them to give obedience thereto on Sunday nixt, otherwayes the magistrats will stope them from preaching thereafter within this burgh; and intimation forsaid is to be maid the morrow about three acloak in the afternoon. P. Bannerman, provost.

27 October 1715.

Act for stenting and proportioneing of £500 sterling amongst the inhabitants.

27 *October* 1715.

The said day, the provost produced a letter from the Earle of Marr, whereof the tenour followes:—Gentlemen, The necessity of the Kings affairs, and the safety of the country at this junctur, requyreing that every good Scotsman be assisting to the publict according to his abilitiy, and haveing desyred that the soume of two thousand pund sterling money be borrowed from gentlemen, heretors, particular burgesses, tradesmen, and others resideing within the toune of Aberdeen, for the use of the Kings army, for which they shall have the publict credit, to be repayed with interest from the tyme of the advance, I therfor thought fitt to acquaint you therewith, that you may proportion it amongst them in such maner as may be most easy for the inhabitants, and most effectuall for raising the

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said soume. Your speedie complyance herewith will prevent further trouble. I am, Gentlemen, your most humble servant (subscrivit), Mar. From the camp at Perth, October 14, 1715. Directed thus: To the Magistrats and Counsell of the Town of Aberdeen. And alse the provost represented that upon recept of the said letter, he had called togither a great many of the burgers, tradesmen, and inhabitants of this burgh, upon the twenty first day of October instant, who haveing considered the said letter, they found that it was impossible for the towne to raise the forsaid sowme, especially considering that the merchants hade laid out all the money at the summer mercats, and that ther stocks were abroad lyeing and undisposed of, and therfor it wes proposed to see if fyve hundered pund could be got raised, and that the same should be taxed upon the inhabitants according to their stocks, and that a committy might be chosen to meet with the magistrats to fall upon methods for raising the said soume of fyve hundered pund sterling, and accordingly the persons following were chosen as a committy for meeting with the forsaid magistrats, for falling upon the most proper wayes for raising the forsaids moneys, viz.: Thomas Mitchell, John Allardes, and Robert Stewart, late provosts; James Catanach and Thomas Strachan, late baillies; Andrew Burnet of Elrick, James Brebner, John Douglas, merchants; and David Rickart of Rickartoune, Mr Alex. Davidson of Newtoun, James Davidson of Tilliemorgan, Patrick Gray, convener of the trades of Aberdeen, and David Spidieman, late conveener of the saids trades, all personally present at the said meeting, and who, or major part of the meeting for the tyme, are to determine the maner of laying on the forsaid money, and appoynted ther first meeting to be upon Monday nixt at ten acloack beforenoon, with power to them to appoynt their respective meetings therafter from tyme to tyme, as they think fit, and to report. And accordingly, upon Monday the twenty fourth of October instant, the haill committy (except the saids John Allardes, Robert Stewart, James Catanach, and Robert Strachan, who were absent) conveened and adjourned themselves to the morrow at eleven acloack beforenoon, and again upon the twenty fyfth of October the haill

27 October 1715.

Act for stenting and proportioneing of £500 sterling amongst the inhabitants.

committy (except the saids John Allardes, Robert Stewart, Thomas Strachan, James Brebner, and Patrick Gray, who were absent) conveened, and condiscended and resolved that a head court should be called, and that it be proposed that sixtein persons, with a present baillie, be named be the said head court for proportioning the said fyve hundered pund sterling that is to be sent on the publict credit, among the severall inhabitants of this burgh and freedome thereof, according to ther respective stocks, and that the said head court be holden this twenty seventh day of October instant, in the Laigh Tolbooth, at ten ocloak beforenoon, and that intimation thereof be made by tuck of drum; and that whenever the town is repayed of the forsaid sowme, that every persone who advances a pairt thereof shall get repayment of the same according to the taxt roll, which is to be signed by the haill taxters; all which being read and considered by the said head court, they approved, and hereby approves of the oppinion of the said committy, and agreed unanimously that the said sowme of fyve hundered pund sterling be taxed upon the inhabitants of this burgh, according to their stocks, and the persons following to tax and proportion the same, viz., Thomas Mitchell, John Allardes, Robert Stewart, late provosts of Aberdeen; George Cruikshank, late baillie; Arthur Forbes, Echt; Robert Moor, John Douglas, William Forbes, Echt; Daniel Farquharson, William Mowat, Alexander Strachan, Alexander Aberdeen, and Thomas Farquharson, merchants in Aberdeen; Mr Alexander Davidson of Newtoune; James Davidson of Tilliemorgan; William Gordon of Govell; Andrew Ritchy of Frosterhill; Dr John Gordon in Aberdeen; Alexander Charles, advocate there; John Carnegie, litster there; William Lindsay, goldsmith there; David Spidieman, late conveener of the trades; and any one of the present baillies of the said burgh; and appoynts the major part of the meeting for the tyme to be a sufficient quorum, and ther first meeting to be upon Saturday nixt, at ten acloak beforenoon. P. Bannerman, provost.

4 *November* 1715.

4 Nov. 1715.

Act for the thesaurer to borrow money for paying the Lochaber axes, etc.

The said day, the counsell takeing to ther consideration that the Right Honorable the Earle of Marr, commander-in-cheife of his Majesties forces in Scotland, have ordered the town to make three hundered Lochabar axes for the use of his Majesties forces, and to send the same to the camp at Perth, or where the army shall be for the tyme; and that the said Earle of Marr had ordered the towne to send one of the printing presses to the said camp: therfor the magistrats and counsell appoynted James Gelly, thesaurer, to borrow the sowme of
from Thomas Shand, master of kirk and bridges works of Aberdeen, for paying the saids Lochabar axes, and defraying the expenses in transporting the same and the said printing press to Perth, or where the army shall be for the tyme. P. Bannerman, provost.

18 *January* 1716.

18 Jan. 1716.

Act for four cannon to be sent to the Marques of Huntly.

The said day, it being represented that the Marquess of Huntley hade use for four cannon and ther carriadges, conforme to his letters direct to the provost thereanent, and that accordingly the same were provyded, viz., two belonging to Alexander Scott, shipmaster, weighting eighteen hundereth and four pund weight, and two belonging to the towne of Aberdeen, weighting thirty six hundered three quarters of ane hundered and twenty two pund weight, the counsell appoynt the said four cannons, with ther carriadges wanting wheells, to be put aboard two boats at the shoar, at the sight of baillie Burnett and the dean of gild, and to gett a recept for the same from Mr William Gordon, Kintoir, merchant in the said burgh of Aberdeen, in the Marquess of Huntleys squadron, on the back of the said Marquess letter.

21 Jan. 1716.

Head court for raising a troup of horses, and for furnishing them with armes, &c., and for taxeing the toune for defraying the charges thereof, and for building and equiping two men of warr for his Majestys service.

21 *January* 1716.

The said day, the provost produced the king's proclamation, dated att Scone the tenth day of January instant, requyreing all noblemen, barrons, heritors, wodsetters, and others able to bear armes, to repair to the camp at Perth with ther best horsses, arms, and accutriments, under the pains contenit in the acts of parliament; after reading of which proclamation, which wes promulgat ouer the cross upon Wednesday last, the provost proposed that for furthering of his Majesties service, the toune should raise a troup of thirty horsses, weell provyded with armes and all other accutriments; as also produced a scheme thereof, and of the expensis of the same, extending tc four thousand pund Scots money, which should be proportioned and stented upon the inhabitants, conforme to their respective stocks: All which being considered be the said head court, the haill court unanimously approved of the said motion, and hereby appoynted and ordained the forsaid soume of four thousand pund Scots money for the end aboue exprest, to be taxed and stented upon the said respective inhabitants, conforme to ther severall stocks and abilitys, and the said troupe to be added to and made a pairt of the Earle Marischalls squadron of horss, and recomends to the magistrats and counsell to name taxters for stenting the forsaid sowme, and to cause provyde men, horsses, arms, and all other accutriements requisit, as also to nominat the officers who are to command the said troup; and for encourageing of able men to list themselues in the said troup, the court agrees that any young merchants who engadge shall be made burgers of gild gratis, and any tradsemen who are not prentisses but journeymen, are to be made freemen of the craft both by the towne and trade gratis, the qualifications of the tradsemen being still previously cognosced by the trade; and ordanis all execution necessar to follow upon this present act at the instance of James Gellie, thesaurer of Aberdeen, and his successors in office, for bringing in of the said taxation. P. Bannerman, provost.

25 *January* 1716.

25 Jan. 1716.

Act electing a captaine, livetennent, and cornett to command the townes troupe.

The said day, the provost, baillies, and counsell, conforme to the power giuen to them by act of head court, of dait the twenty-first day of January instant, for nominating officers to command the troup of thirty horsses, who are to be raised by this towne for furthering of his Majesties service, they did unanimously elect, nominat, and choose Captain John Bannerman to be captain of the said troup, David Edie, merchant, to be livetennant, Robert Burnett, junior, merchantt, to be cornett, and Alexander Bannerman, merchant, to be quarter master of the said troup.

Eodem die.

Eodem die.

Act electing a committy for equipting oute the townes troupe, and provydeing them with armes and all other acutriements.

The said day, the counsell recommended to the provost, four baillies, Captain John Bannerman, Livetennant David Edie, Cornet Robert Burnett, James Bisset of Lessendrum, James Catanach, late baillie, Doctor John Gordon, George Keith, advocate, Alexander and William Strachans, merchants, and Patrick Gray, conveener, to be a committy for provyding men, horsses, arms, and all other accutriments requisit for a troup which is to be raised by the town for his Majesties service, in the terms of the act of head court daited the twenty first day of January instant, and recommends to the said Captain John Bannerman to be conveener of the meeting as he shall find occasion, and ther first meeting to be this day at three acloak in the afternoon.

10 *April* 1716.

10 April 1716.

Act of Privy Council for an interim election of council.

The said day, the forsaid Robert Stewart produced ane act of the Privie Counsell of Great Britaine, ordering the method and maner of election after specified, whereof the tenor followes: Att the court at Saint James, the tenth day of March one thousand seven hundered and fyftein, Present, the Kings most excellent Majestie in Counsell, upon reading this

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day at the Board a memoriall from the Right Honourable Sir David Dalrymple of Hailes, Barronet, his Majesties advocat, the Right Honorable Adam Cockburne, Esquire of Ormistowne, Lord Justice-Clerk, and Sir James Stewart of Goodtrees, Barronet, his Majesties solicitor in North Britaine, daited in Edinburgh the twentyth of February last, and directed to the Right Honorable the Lord Viscount Towneshend, his Majesties principall Secretary of State, toutching the most proper and effectuall method of resetting the magistracy of severall towns in North Britaine, in such maner as may most contribute to the restoreing of the peace of those towns, and to the secureing thereof for the future; and whereas it hath been represented to his Majestie that severall burghs in North Britaine were, at Michaelmess last (the ordinary and legall tyme of ther electing magistrats), either intirely hindred from making such elections according to ther severall constitutions, or that where the formality of elections was observed, being then under the power and impression of the rebells, the freedome of such elections wes thereby restrained, and the burgh of Aberdeen in particular haveing lain under such or the lyke circumstances befor mentioned, his Majestie in Counsell takeing the same into consideration, does think fit for restoreing the peace and good governement of the said burgh, to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the magistrats who served in the burgh of Aberdeen for the year last bypast shall, and they are hereby authorized and requyred, on the tenth day of Aprill nixt, to proceed to the election of magistrats and counsells, to serve in the said burgh from the tenth day of Aprill forsaid untill the ordinary tyme of the annuall change of the magistrats and counsells of the said burgh in the year 1716, in such maner as they ought to haue done if they hade not been disturbed by the late rebellione; and from thence forward that the procedure in the electione of magistrats be continued according to the constitution, setts, and customs of the said burgh, off which all persons concerned are to take notice, and to giue due obedience to his Majesties pleasure herein signified (so subscryved), William Blethwayt. According to which act of Privie Counsell, the saids late provost and baillies proceided to qualifie themselues in the

terms of law, by swearing the oaths of allegiance, supremacy, and abjuration, and subscryveing the same, with the assurance, in the terms of the late act of parliament holden in the first year of the reigne of his Majesty King George; and therafter they proceeded to the electing of magistrats and counsellors to serue in the said burgh of Aberdeen, from the said tenth day of Aprill instant to Michaelmess nixt to come, and accordingly they elected the thirteen burgers following, to be upon the new counsell for the space above exprest, viz., Thomas Mitchell, junior, Arthur Forbes, Mr William Gelly, Patrick Forbes, John Middletone, Daniel Farquharsone, James Bartlet, James Black, William Cruden, Mr George Reith, Alexr. Forbes of Ludquharne, William Taylor, and George Mowatt, merchants in Aberdeen.

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12 *April* 1716.

12 April 1716.

Act for addressing his Majestie.

The said day, the provost represented that seeing it hade pleased God to restore this counsell againe, and that our Soveraigne Lord King George in Counsell, hade granted ane Act of Privie Counsell for the electing of this magistracy and counsell, and that therfore it is most reasoneable to address his Majestie; which being considered be the counsell, they approued of the forsaid motion made by the provost as highly reasoneable, and ther greatest duety at this junctur; and therfor they appoynted ane address to be drawn up and sent to his Majesty, and recomends to the provost, baillies Fordyce and Gelly, provost Gordone and Ludquharne, to draw the said address, and afterwards to be signed be the provost for the counsell, and wherof the tenor follows:—To the Kings Most Excellent Majestie, the humble Address of the Magistrats and Town Counsell of Aberdeen—Most Gracious Soveraign, As it wes our greatest honour to be among the royall burghs on this syde of Tay who were most maltreated for adhering to the present governement, so being now restored to our office by your Majesties order of ellection, we could not but take the first opportunity of congratulating the wisest and best of kings on the late great and happie turn of affairs

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Act for addressing his Majestie.

in these northern pairts, in bringing about of which your Majestys excellent generall, his Grace the Duke of Argyll, had so good a share, and to whose speedy assistance and prudent manadgement this oppressed city wes exceedingly obliged especially seeing we so far differ from those who illegally assumed the magistracy in this place and others (in ther late addresses), as firmely to believe that instead of Britains happieness being anywayes connected with the Pretenders succession, the absolute ruine of our Church and State by Popery and tyrannie had been the fatall consequence thereof; whereas, Great Sir, we being, on the other hand, fully satisfied that all our valueable sacred and ciuill interests dependeth (under God) on your Majesty, and the established succession in your royall family, we joyfully take this occasion of assureing your Majesty, that upon all events whatsomever we are ready with our lynes and fortunes to stand by the Protestant succession as settled by law That ane Almighty God may greatly establish your Majesties throne, and that the scepter of these realmes may continue to be swayed by one of your royall progeny to latest posterity, is, and shall ever be, the hearty prayer of, may it please your Majesty, your Majesties most faithfull, most loyall, and obedient subjects, signed in name and by appoyntment of the magistrats and towne counsell. *Sic subscribitur* Robert Stewart, provost.

12 April 1716.

Acts of the late council rescinded.

12 *April* 1716.

The said day, the provost, baillies, and counsell, newly elected by warrand of the Privie Counsell of Great Britaine, declare that it is ther opinion that those who assumed the government of this burgh as magistrats and counsellors, the twenty nynth of September last bypast, were not lawfully called thereto, so that the same wes ane illegall counsell, and consequently ther acts and orders were illegall, and are hereby rescinded.

28 *June* 1716.

28 June 1716.

Houses not to be covered with straw or heather.

The said day, it was represented that the thacking and covering of houses in the towne with straw and hedder wes very dangerous, and rendered them obnoxious to fyre, and to the endangering of the saids houses and the neighbouring adjacent houses, and that a fatall evidence thereof, by haveing some houses thacked and covered as said is, had falne out in the Gallowgate lately; and for preventing of any danger by thacked and covered houses for the futur, therefor the saids magistrats and counsell prohibits and discharges all the inhabitants of this burgh from thacking . . . any houses . . . in tyme comeing with straw and hedder, under the paine of fiftie merks Scots money, besyds being otherwayes punished, as the magistrats for the tyme shall think fitt. . .

15 *August* 1716.

15 Aug. 1716.

Act for adjusting the accompt of corne and straw furnished to Argylls army.

The said day, the counsell recommends Baillies Cruden, Deans, and Gelly, to meet with those that receaved in the corne and straw, and gaue out the same when the army, under the command of the Duke of Argyll, were in towne, and to state the said accompt of corne and straw distinctly, to the effect the towne may endeavour to get payment thereof.

24 *September* 1716.

24 Sept. 1716.

The names of those made burgesses during the rebellion to be deleted.

The said day, the provost, baillies, and counsell, ordained the haill persons names who were made burgers the tyme of the late rebellion, from the thirty day of September last bypast m. vii^{c}. fyftein yeirs to the twenty fyfth day of January last inclusive, to be delet out of the burger book, and which wes accordingly done in counsell.

3 Oct. 1716.

Act for choosing two quarter-masters, and allowing each of them three pund sterling.

3 *October* 1716.

The said day, the counsell recomends to the magistrats to nominat and choose two quarter masters for quartering the souldiers within the towne untill Michalmes nixt to come, and each of them to have for their encouragement the soume of three pund sterling money, to be payed to them by the thesaurer, and the said quarter master to quarter the said souldiers conforme to a table to be maid thereanent, which is to conteine a list of the inhabitants and of ther condition to quarter them, and none to be quartered upon but only those obliged in law.

17 Oct. 1716.

Act approveing the agreement with the quarter-masters, and paying them for ther pains.

17 *October* 1716.

The said day, the magistrats represented that they hade agreed with George Connon and William Moir, merchants, for being quarter masters of the town untill Michalmess nixt to come, and had promised each of them three pund sterling money for ther pains, to be payed by the theasaurer, off which agreement the magistrats and counsell approved, and appoynted the thesaurer to pay the said money to the said quarter masters for ther pains.

7 Nov. 1716.

Act approveing of the dean of gild his giveing in the touns arms, conforme to Act of Parliament.

7 *November* 1716.

The said day, the counsell approves of the dean of gild his giveing in, conforme to the late Act of Parliament, the guns, muskits, &c., belonging to the towne to the persones appoynted be the deputy livetenants of the county of Aberdeen to receave and value the saids arms, and recomends him to get a recept for the samen, to the effect he may recover payment therfor from the collectors of the cess and excyse.

20 *March* 1717.

20 March 1717.

Address to his Majestie.

The said day, the provost represented that conforme to the act of dait the thirteenth day of February, recomending to him and the rest of the magistrats to draw ane address to his Majestie: that accordingly they hade made ane draught of the said address, which being read in counsell, they approved thereof, and signed the same, and recommended to the magistrats to transmit the said address to any persone they think fit, for to be delivered to his Majestie, off which address the tenor followes:—To the Kings Most Excellent Majestie, the humble Address of the Magistrats and Counsell of the Burgh of Aberdeen, for themselves and the other loyall inhabitants thereof. Most Gracious Soveraigne, Wee, your Majesties most dutifull and loyall subjects, doe, with hearts full of joy, congratulat your Majesties safe and seasoneable returne to these your dominions, after you have succesfully finished such surpryseing allyances and negotiations for the safety of your kingdoms and the peace of Europe.

Wee have also, in your Majesties absence, gote ane eminent proof of the wisdom and stedines of his Royall Highnes the Prince of Wales, his counsells and administrations. As these giue us the comfortable prospect of having all that's valuable to us, as men and Christians, for euer secured under your Majestie and royall progenie, so, wee doubt not, but they shall effectually bafle and disapoynt the counsells, and extinguish the hopes, of your restles enymies, at home and abroad.

Your Majesties consummat wisdom, your goodness, exemplary piety, and tender care of your subjects, call for our most gratefull acknowledgements to Almighty God for bestowing such great blessings upon us, and wee, your Majesties loyall subjects in this pairt of your kingdome, haue reasone in a particular maner to rejoice at this junctur, haueing been lately harassed by ane unnaturall rebellion, fomented by men who pretend to be preachers of the gospell and teachers of youth.

That the God of heaven may protect your sacred person, direct your counsells, and prosper your arms; that under the same, all impiety and

20 March 1717.

Address to his Majestie.

disloyalty being discouraged, true religion may be advanced, justice, learning, peace, and trade may flourish amongst all your subjects; that yow may rule in the hearts of a loveing and dutifull people; that yow may hold in your hands the ballance of Europe, to the terror of your enymies and the support of the Protestant interest, and the joy of your subjects; that after a long and prosperous reigne over us, the imperiall crown of these nations may be happily continued in your royall posterity unto latest ages, are, and shall be the prayers of, may it please your Majestie, your Majesties most faithfull, most humble, and most obedient subjects and servants.

5 Dec. 1721.

A fire engine for the town to be procured.

5 *December* 1721.

The said day, the provost represented to the head court that it would be necessar that this town should buy ane engyne, for extinguishing accidentall fyre, as other burghs have, and that their should be watchmen appoynted for attending and goeing thorrow the toun every night for preventing fyre; therfor the said head court recommended to the magistrats to write to London and inform themselves what may be the pryce of the water engyne, and to consider what fyremen may be needfull, and what alloweance is proper to give them, and to prepare a scheme thereof, and to buy with all dilligence the said water engyne, the same not exceeding fifty pund sterling money of pryce. . .

27 April 1725.

Colin M'Laurin, one of the professors, makes his excuse for absence from duty.

27 *April* 1725.

The said day, the provost represented that conform to the act of counsell of the date the twentieth day of January last bypast, there had been several meetings with Mr Colin M'Lauran, professor of mathematicks, anent his remaining abroad so long from his office, and that now he was content to appear this day in counsell and give satisfaction: Which being considered by the saids magistrats and counsell they were content to accept

of the same; and the said Mr Colin M'Laurin being called, compeared in counsell and acknowledged that he was sorrie the magistrats and counsell had taken offence, and promised to be carefull of his charge hereafter, wherewith the magistrats and counsell were satisfied, and appointed such sallarys as were due to the said professor to be payed to him. 27 April 1725.

12 *January* 1726.

12 Jan. 1726.

Act declaring the professor of mathematicks office vacant.

The said day, the magistrats and counsell takeing into their consideration that by the public news prints in the beginning of November last bypast, they found that Master Colin M'Laurin, professor of mathematicks in the Colledge Marischall of Aberdeen, was admitted as conjunct professor with Master James Gregorie, professor of mathematicks in the University of Edinburgh, and that the said Mr Colin M'Laurin had not returned since that time to this place, but (as it is informed) was teaching the mathematicks att Edinburgh; therfore they did, and hereby doe declare the said Mr Colin M'Laurin his office as professor of mathematicks in this place to be vaccant, and at the magistrats and counsells disposall as patrons of the said mortification.

23 *April* 1726.

23 April 1726.

Washing clothes at the wells prohibited.

The said day, it being represented in counsell that notwithstanding of severall acts of counsell, discharging all people from washing of cloathes or others at the publick wells of this burgh, yet nevertheless it was daily practised to the great detriment and abuse of the saids wells, and occasioned severall disturbances amongst the inhabitants at the wells; and likewayes it was represented that the wattering of horses at any of the wells of this burgh does very much abuse the water thereof, and is dangerous to the people goeing or comeing from the saids wells: All which being considered be the saids magistrats and counsell, they ratified and approved all former acts thereanent, and of new prohibits and discharges all persons from

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Washing clothes at the wells prohibited.

washing anything at the wells within the town, or keeping of any stands or casks at the said fountains; and likewayes prohibits and discharges all hyrers and others from watering of their horsses at any of the saids wells, and that none transgress the premisses under the penalty of three pound Scots money, *toties quoties*, and appoints thir presents to be intimate to the whole inhabitants by tuck of drum.

27 June 1726.

Complaint of a decay of trade.

27 *June* 1726.

The said day, the magistrats and counsell recommended to the . . . commissioners to the ensueing generall convention of the royall burrows, to represent to the said meeting the great decay of trade in this place for thir severall years bygone, occasioned chiefly by the small towns on the seaside be north this place their haveing had the whole import of goods which formerly came here; and therefore to endeavour by all means possible to gett ane ease and diminution of the stent roll, in case the same shall be altered at the said convention.

4 August 1726.

Querns or handmills to be broken.

4 *August* 1726.

The said day, . . . the . . . magistrats and counsell . . . ordain'd that all querns or iron handmills already sett up within this burgh and liberties thereof, or to be sett up hereafter for grinding of malt or any other grain, be seized, demolished, and broken doun to peices. . .

5 October 1726.

Act for getting the stang of the weather cock of the Tolbooth fixed.

5 *October* 1726.

The said day, it was represented by the dean of gild that the stang of the tollbooth weather cock was loose and endangered the whole steeple, and that it was absolutelie necessary to cause fix the same before the winter came on; which being considered by the saids magistrats and

council, they recommended to the magistrats to provyde some fitt persone for going up therto, and to gett the said stang sufficiently fixed the first fair weather.

5 October 1726.

7 *August* 1729.

7 August 1729.

Act in favours of Collonell Midleton for building toofalls to the house at the Castlehill for accommodating a troop of horse.

The said day, anent the petition giuen in to the counsell be Mr Richard Gordon, professor of philosophy in Aberdeen, for and in name of Collonell John Midleton of Seaton, mentioning that where the said Collonell John Midleton some time ago applyed to their honours for getting the big house in the Castlehill fitted out, for accommodating half a troop of his Majestys forces, and which the said Collonell Midleton did fitt out accordingly, and the said Collonell Midleton having now repeated assurances of the government of sending a whole troop of horse to the toun of Aberdeen, which would tend to the great interest, benefite, and advantage of the inhabitants of this place; but considering that the big house in the Castlehill cannot lodge above half a troop of horse, except there were two wings or toofalls built to the said house, one upon the south side and ane other on the north, so as each toofall might contain fourteen horses; and therfore craved as to the effect under written, as in the said petition, signed be the said Mr Richard Gordon, at more length is contained: The magistrats and counsell forsaid haveing heard, seen, and considered the said petition, and being at length well and ripely advised therewith, they granted, and hereby grant liberty to the said Collonell John Midleton to build the said toofalls mentioned in the petition upon his own charges, for the ends therein mentioned; but reserving alwayes the property of them to the toun of Aberdeen, and reserving alwayes to succeeding counsells to consider anent his re-imbursement of the expence thereof as they shall see cause, wheranent thir presents to be warrand.

18 June 1733.

William Lindsay resigns his office of overseer of the wells.

18 *June* 1733.

The said day, it was represented to the magistrates that William Lindsay, goldsmith, was content to give up his contract as overseer of the wells of this burgh for payment of fourty pound sterling, and would instantly discharge the same, and grant ane oblidgement to giue his advice in writing anent the wells and their courses gratis, at all times when he is wrote to by the magistrates for that effect, and also oblidge himself to repair in person to Aberdeen in caices of necessity when called by the magistrates, they paying his charges and expenses; all which being considered by the magistrates and council forsaid, and they being at length well and ripely advised therewith, they impower the thesaurer to pay the soume of fourty pound sterling to the said William Lindsay, upon his discharging the contract, and granting ane oblidgement in the above terms, and impowers the thesaurer to discharge William Lindsay of his part of the contract, whereanent thir presents to be sufficient warrand for the haill premisses.

21 Sept. 1742.

A spring at Rolslaw to be brought into the town.

21 *September* 1742.

The said day, the councell having visited the wells this afternoon, and considering the great scarcity of water in the summer time, and having seen a spring well on the lands of Rolslaw which could be conveyed into the fountain on a small charge, they are of opinion that Rolslaw ought to be communed with thereanent, and therefore recommends to the nixt council to agree with Rolslaw, and in that event that the said spring ought to be brought in and joined with the other spring water that supplys this burgh.

8 Dec. 1743.

The provosts to wear black velvet.

8 *December* 1743.

The said day, the councill taking into their consideration that it has for sometime past been the practise of the principall citys of this nation

that the provost of the city should wear black velvet cloaths, which practise the councill judge decent, and that the chief magistrate of every principall town ought to have a distinction in their dress, and that black velvet they judge a very decent habit, they therefore unanimously agreed that the provosts of this city should be cloathed in all time coming with black velvet, mounted with a gold button or not, as the provost for the time should incline. . .

8 Dec. 1743.

The provosts to wear black velvet.

27 *February* 1744.

27 Feb. 1744.

An address to the king on the rumour of an invasion.

The said day, the magistrats and councill taking into their serious consideration a letter sent by express to the magistrats by the Marquiss of Tweeddale, one of his Majestys principall Secretarys of State, covering a copy of a message from his Majesty to both houses of Parliament, showing that he had certain information that there was ane invasion intended on these kingdoms in favours of a Popish pretender, and that the said invasion was to be supported by the French; and also considering the resolution of both houses on said message, the councill therefore judged it their indispensible duty instantly to address his Majesty on the above threatening intention in the most zealous and loyall terms; and there being a copy of ane address drawn up, the same was read in councill and approven of, and whereof the tenor follows:—To the Kings Most Excellent Majesty, the humble Address of the Provost, Baillies, and Councill of the City of Aberdein. Most Gracious Sovareign, We, your Majestys most dutyfull and loyall subjects, the provost, baillies, and councill of Aberdeen, in councill assembled, do humbly beg leave to assure your Majesty that we are most sincerely affected with the import of your Majestys late message to both houses of Parliament, and with the dangers threatning your Majestys crown and kingdoms, not only from foreign, but even from the most unnaturall enemies, the disaffected at home. We should be guilty of the highest ingratitude if we did not, with the greatest detestation, abhor from our souls such dangerous and insolent attempts, so evidently destructive to your sacred Majesty, the happy constitution of your king-

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doms, and the ballance of power in Europe. Permitt us then, Great Sir with all the sentiments of veneration and gratitude, to assure your Majesty, that as we esteem your right and title to the crown of these lands to be undoubted, and the only security for the preservation of our lives and libertys, so we will, to the utmost of our small power, be ambitious, at the hazard of our lives and fortunes, to act in defence of your Majestys person, and of the Protestant succession in your royall house, in defiance of the Pretender, and all others whatsomever. That your Majesty may be long preserved to secure our happy constitution and commerce, and to maintain the balance of power in Europe, and that all the designs of your Majestys enemies may be disappointed, and your subjects remain a free and happy people under your royall progeny to latest ages, is and shall be the fervent prayer of . . . your Majestys most dutifull, most loyall, and most faithfull subjects. . .

31 Aug. 1745.

The town to be put in a posture of defence.

31 *August* 1745.

The said day, the councill considering that there is ane insurrection in the Highlands, and that its proper the town should be put in a posture of defence, they therefore agreed that the town should be mustered, and lists of all the fensible men taken up, and of their arms and amunition, and also that the whole should be divided into twelve companys, and the officers to be as follows, viz., Provost John Robertson to be major of Futtie quarter; William Chalmers, late provost, to be major of the Green quarter; Alexander Robertson, late provost, to be major of the Crooked quarter; Alexander Aberdein, late provost, to be major of the Even quarter; Captain Mackfarlane to be adjutant-general; Captain Alexander Gordon, shipmaster, to be captain of the artilery; James Dyce, John Elphinston, Alexander Bannerman, Baillie Davidson, William Symson, John Burnet, Baillie William Mowat, William Walker, Alexander Mitchell of Colpnay, William Strachan, and David Cuthbert, to be captains of the twelve companys; James Thomson of Portlethan; Thomas Mosman, advocate; James Burnet, merchant; Charles Forbes of Shiells;

George Turner, advocate; Peter Turnbull; William Midleton, Charles Copland, junior, Andrew Logie, and James Black, junior, merchants, to be the twelve lieutenants; Peter Sandilands, merchant; Peter Barron, wright; Adam Duff and David Farquhar, merchants; William Crystall, wright; Andrew Walker, junior, merchant; Andrew Thomsone, advocate; George Gordon, merchant; George Cooper, goldsmith; George Shand and George Mowat, merchants; and William Johnston, pewterer, to be the twelve ensigns. James Morison, provost.

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The town to be put in a posture of defence.

12 *September* 1745.

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The towns cannon at the harbour to be sent to Edinburgh for preservation in the castle.

The said day, the provost represented that Sir John Cope, Knight of the Bath, and general of the forces, had sent for him and the other magistrats, and represented that this day he had observed on the fort at the harbour mouth several large and small cannon, and also that he was informed that the town had a considerable number of small arms, and therefore Sir John had asked the magistrats if they were resolved to keep these cannon, arms, and amunition for the defence of the town against any enemies of the government, or if they would incline to send them along with the transports, in order to prevent their falling into any enemys hands; and if they should resolve on the last proposal, the general engaged that all these guns and amunition should be lodged in the Castle of Edinburgh for the towns behoof; which being considered by the councill, and they having deliberately pondered the same, they find that the cannon were bought for the use of the harbour, but could not be used or defended by the town against a land force, and therefore resolved that all the towns cannon, with their powder, and shott, and implements belonging to them, should be immediately shipped and sent to the Castle of Edinburgh along with the armys convoy. But as to the small arms, delayed the consideration thereof untill the burghers should be advised thereanent tomorrow forenoon, whether they should be kept for the defence of the town, and recomends to the magistrats to appoint proper persons for executing the premises. James Morison, provost.

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Sir John Cope demands the transmission also of the small arms, which is agreed to.

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Att Aberdeen, the thirteenth day of September ane thousand seven hundred and fourty five years, in presence of the provost and magistrats, and principall burgers, conveener, and deacons of the trades of Aberdeen: The said day, the act of councill, of yesterdays date, being read in presence of the meeting, and the provost having represented that Sir John Cope had once and again this day conversed with him and the magistrats anent the small arms, and shewing that if the town would determine to keep those arms, and that should they afterwards be seized upon by ane enemy, the town would lay themselves obnoxious to the government, and made answerable for such conduct; and they having fully reasoned on the expediencie of keeping the towns small arms for the towns defence, or if they should be transmitted along with the cannon in order to prevent their falling into the enemys hands, Resolved that the said small arms should be sent along with the cannon to the Castle of Edinburgh for preservation, and that they may not fall into ane enemys hands, and the councill after named, viz., Provost, Baillies Gordon, Midleton, Burnet, and Leslie; dean of gild, treasurer, masters of kirkwork, mortifications, and hospital; Provost Aberdeen, Baillie Davidson, David Farquhar, James Mackie, George Gordon, George Cooper, James Thom, having immediately met after the said meeting, and considered their resolution, and Sir John Cope, general of the forces, appearing in councill, and demanding, in the Kings name, whether they were to deliver up the towns small arms, or to let them fall into the rebells hands, which he was sure would soon be the case, and for which they would be made answerable to the government, and demanded their answer as soon as possible; all which being considered by the councill, they unanimously agreed to give up the towns small arms in order to be transmitted to the Castle of Edinburgh for preservation.

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13 Sept. 1745.

Spies to be hired during the troubles.

The said day, the councill considering the troubles that are presently in this country and in this neighbourhood, they recomend to the magistrats that they should have trusty persons as spys at all corners, at any distance they shall judge proper, in order to give intelligence of the motions of any enemy, and to impower them to hyre horses, and be at all necessary expence. James Morison, provost.

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25 Sept 1745.

The election of council interrupted by the Jacobite invasion of the town.

The said day, the new councill being chosen, there were lists thereof given out, in order to meet precisely at three oclock that afternoon with the old councill, to elect magistrats and office-bearers; but immediately after finishing the election of the new councill, which was about twelve of the clock mid-day, John Hamilton in Strathbogie, with a number of armed men, both horse and foot, entered the town in a hostile manner, drums beating and colours flying, and paraded at the cross and market place, where they were joined by severall others in arms of the town and neighbourhood, and immediately they demanded the keys of the cross, and sent a party of armed men in quest of James Morrison, Esq., present provost, and not finding him at home, sent a second party with orders to burn his house if he did not appear, and at last having found him, they, in a forcible manner, carried him down prisoner, with drawn swords and other weapons, to the town house, and in the same manner afterwards forced him up upon the cros, and thereafter sent in quest of the other magistrats and councellors, and having found two of the baillies and some of the councellors, they also forced them up upon the cross, and afterwards, in presence of the said John Hamilton and his adherents, and a great crowd of spectators, James Petrie, sheriff-substitute of Aberdeen, did openly, and with a loud voice, read the Pretenders manifestos and declarations over the said cross. Thereafter they caused wine to be brought to the cross,

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where they openly and avowedly drunk the Pretenders health, and severall other treasonable and rebellious healths, and endeavoured by force to make the said provost drink their healths, which he refusing, they poured the wine down his breast, and caused the bells in town to be rung, and made publick rejoicings, and, as a pretended jubilee, caused throw open the prison doors, whereby those that were committed for murder and other crimes, as well as for debts, made their escape. Thereafter the provost having got free of the rebells, he and some others of the counsellors were immediately obliged to fly the town, whereby there was ane intire stop put to any further procedure in the election of magistrats or councill, as the rebells remained in town, taking arms and horses from the inhabitants, and threatening all and every person that should do any act or deed but in name of their Pretender, that they would be immediately committed to prison.

The town ruled by the rebels for five months.

That in this state the town continued untill about the twenty fifth of February one thousand seven hundred and fourty six years, overawed and under the pretended government of the rebells, their governors and deputy governors appointed by them, who keeped constant possession of the townhouse and guards in the guardhouse all the forsaid space, and who extorted taxations, levy money, quartering money, and what else they thought proper, as more fully appears by the minutes of the meetings of the inhabitants, who were under a necessity to conveene and deliberate how to satisfy the demands made on the town by the rebells in order to prevent military execution and the destruction of their houses and familys. The procedure of the rebells and deliberations of the inhabitants during this juncture are fully sett furth in a book kept apart for that effect.

The town relieved by the Duke of Cumberland.

That this town was most happily relieved the last week of February by the arrival of the army under the command of his Royall Highness the Duke of Cumberland, on whose approach the rebells fled northward. That H. R. H. the Duke entered this burgh the twenty seventh of February one thousand seven hundred and fourty six years, and continued here with his army untill the eighth day of Aprill, during which space the town received

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The Duke of Cumberland made a burgess.

severall marks of his Royall Highnesses most gracious favour, and he did them the honour of accepting the freedom of the city, and appointed twelve of the citizens governours untill a legall magistracy should be restored, and gave them a commission, with as ample priviledges as any former magistracy; and the said governours procedure during their administration stands recorded in books apart; and before H. R. H. left the town, having such intire confidence of the loyalty of most of the citizens, he ordered arms to be given to them that they might be formed into a battallion of volunteers for defence of the town, and accordingly they were put under muster to the number of twixt three and four hundred men, and constantly did duty night and day untill relieved by a party of the army again, which was upon the day of June last: That upon the sixteenth day of April last past, H. R. H. having obtained a complete victory, and given a totall overthrow to the rebells at the memorable battle of Culloden, soon thereafter the governors judging that peace was in a manner restored, transmitted a petition to his Majesty King George, craving royall warrand for a new election of magistracy for the better government of the city; and his Majesty, with advice of his Privie Councill, was pleased to order the former councill to proceed to finish their election alike as if they had not been interrupted; which order bears date the day of June one thousand seven hundred and fourty six years, and appointed the election to be proceeded unto on the ninth of July then next; and which order having come directed to Provost Morison, he did, upon the fifth day of the said month of July, call the old councill, and caused read the order of Privy Councill, and intimated to them to attend at the High Councill House on Wednesday thereafter, being the ninth of July one thousand seven hundred and forty six years, at three of the clock afternoon, in order to proceed to elect magistrats and office-bearers, and complete the election.

Orders for completing the election.

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And they having accordingly this day mett, time and place forsaid, together with the new councill, conveener, and deacons of crafts, the provost again produced the forsaid order of the Privy Councill, which was read in presence of the new and old councills, and of which the tenour follows:—At the Councill Chamber, Whitehall, the 16th day of June 1746, present the Lords of his Majestys Most Honourable Privy Councill,—Whereas a Petition hath been presented to his Majesty at this Board in name of the Governours of the City of Aberdeen appointed by his Royall Highness the Duke of Cumberland, setting furth, That Michaelmas last being the legall time for the annuall election of the magistracy and common councill of the said burgh, these who were in office at that time did proceed, on the usuall days, to elect their successors: that in the forenoon they did chuse a new councill, and adjourned to the afternoon, intending then to meet and chuse magistrates and other office-bearers out of the new councill, conformeable to the usual custom. But about mid-day the rebells entered the town, laid violent hands on the provost and others of the magistrates, maltreated them, and obliged the provost to fly from the town, and thereby put a stop to any farther procedure in the election: that during this wicket and unnaturall rebellion a few members of the old and new councills have not behaved with the zeal and affection to his Majestys person and government as became dutifull and loyall subjects: that when the election in said burgh was obstructed by the rebellion in 1715, his late Majesty did in Councill grant a warrant for the provost and four baillies of the former year to make elections of a magistracy and councill after the rebells were dispossessed. The petitioners therefore pray that his Majesty would be pleased to order the last provost and four baillies (who are all well affected) to proceed to the election of a new magistracy and common councill. And whereas his Majestys Attorney-General, the Lord Advocate of Scotland, and his Majestys Solicitor-General, to whom his Majesty has thought proper to referr the said petition, have this

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day reported that they have considered the same, and upon enquiry find that the majority of the said petitioners were members of the councill for the last year, or of the new councill chosen at Michaelmas last, when the further proceedings to complete the election were interrupted by the rebels; and the said Attorney-Generall, Lord Advocate, and Solicitor-Generall, are of opinion that none of the persons who were intituled to elect magistrates and other office-bearers out of the new councill chosen at Michaelmas last, and who have since behaved themselves dutifully and loyally, should be excluded from taking part in what remains to be done for compleating such election; and that as no evidence have been laid before them of the treason or misbehaviour of any member of the old councill or the new during this rebellion, they are of opinion that in case any of them have rendered themselves obnoxious to the law by joining with, or by aiding or abetting the rebells, care should be taken to bring them to justice in due course of law: that the same persons who might have elected the magistrates and other office-bearers in the city of Aberdeen at Michaelmas last may, by order in councill, be authorized to proceed to make or complete such election now, on a day to be named in such order, in the same manner as they might and ought to have done at Michaelmas last, had they not been prevented by such necessity as the power of the rebells at that time in those parts; and at the same time, the petitioners may be directed to exhibit particular informations against such members of the old or new councils (if there have been such) as have rendered themselves obnoxious to the law, by joining themselves with, and by aiding or abetting the rebells, to the end that by warrant of proper magistrates they may be apprehended and committed to custody in order to tryal: which report being this day taken into consideration, it is thereupon ordered in councill that for restoreing the peace and good government of the said burgh, the same persons who might have elected the magistrates, councillors, and other office-bearers in the said burgh at Michaelmas, shall, and they are hereby authorized and required, on Wednesday, the ninth day of July next, to proceed to make or compleat the election of magistates, councellors, and other

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office-bearers to serve in the said burgh of Aberdeen from the ninth day of July aforesaid untill the ordinary time of the annuall change of the magistrates, councellors, and other office-bearers of the said burgh in the year 1746, in such manner as they might and ought to have done at Michaelmas last, if they had not been disturbed by the rebellion; and that from thence forward, the procedure in the election of magistrates, councellors, and other office-bearers be continued according to the constitution, letts, and customs of the said burgh. And it is hereby further ordered that the petitioners do exhibite particular informations against such members of the old or new council (if there have been such) as have rendered themselves obnoxious to the law by joining with, or by aiding or abetting the rebells, to the end that by warrant of proper magistrates they may be apprehended and committed to custody in order to tryal; of which all persons concerned are to take notice and pay due obedience hereto.

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Act of the double council for renewing the Duke of Cumberlands burgess ticket in a gold box.

9 *July* 1746.

The said day, the double council taking to ther serious consideration, that in the beginning of March last, the late magistrates waited on his Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland, and presented him with the freedom of this city, which he was most graciously pleased to accept of; at same time, they acquainted him that how soon a legall magistracy was restored, they would take an opportunity of renewing the said freedom in the most ample and genteel manner they could devise; which procedure of the late magistrates being considered by the said double councill, they highly approved thereof, and unanimously agreed that immediately there should be ane other ticket made out for his Royal Highness in name and by order of the double councill, and that the same should be presented to his Royal Highness in a gold box of the best fashion; and recommends to the magistrates to cause make the said gold box, and extend the ticket in the genteelest form; and when the same is ready, that the provost, with

any of the magistrates, do present the same to his Royal Highness the Duke (if in Scotland); and appoints the dean of gild to pay out the whole expenses, whereanent thir presents shall be warrant for the haill premises.

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Act for stenting the inhabitants yearly for repaying the levy money, laid before a head court and approved.

The said day, the magistrats and councell forsaid, taking to their consideration that during the time of the late unnaturall rebellion, a demand was made upon the town by the rebells for levy money, and most of the inhabitants having met on that emergent, in order to preserve their persons from military execution, and their houses and effects from being pillaged, burnt, and destroyed, which was threatened in the most vigorous manner, they consented to pay one thousand pound sterling money, and that the sume should be uplifted from any persons that were debtors to the town; and failing thereof, that money should be borrowed for making up the same, to be repaid by any of the office-bearers that the first legal council should appoint; and for reimbursing of the forsaid sum, agreed that they should be taxed for the interest of the said one thousand pound sterling during the not payment, and one hundred pound sterling annually of the capitall until the whole should be extinguished, and this to be proportioned upon the heritors of lands and fishings and possessors of houses, conforme to the rents of the respective subjects, and that this tax should commence along with the towns publick taxation or subsidy, whenever the same should be legally imposed; and to be annually levied therewith untill the whole debt should be extinguished, and appointed a committee of their number to transact the whole affair, who, having uplifted what they could of the towns publick funds, and borrowed the remainder from private persons, they did pay the said sum of one thousand pound sterling to William Moir of Loanmay, who granted receipt therefor. And the council considering that the said money was extorted from the town in order to save the same from being burnt and destroyed, and to prevent the severest military execution against the inhabitants, their persons and

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effects, they did grant warrand to, and appointed Thomas Fraser, thesaurer, to make payment or give security to such of the office-bearers or other persons from whom the money was borrowed, and to discharge such as were due money to the town, who paid the same to the said committee for making up the forsaid sum of one thousand pound sterling money. And appoints the taxers who are named to proportion the subsidy, to stent the inhabitants for a years annualrent of the forsaid capitall sum, and for one hundred pound sterling as the first moiety and years payment thereof, in terms and conform to the consent given by the inhabitants thereto in manner above mentioned, to be paid to the thesaurer of Aberdeen or his successors in office against Candlemass next. And in respect the councill are informed that some of the bills delivered to Loanmay for the said sum are not accepted nor paid, therefore recommends to the magistrates and thesaurer to prevent the payment of the same as far as in their power, in order to save the inhabitants from being taxed for such part of the said principall sum as may be recovered from the drawers of the bills; and likeways recommends to them to use all proper means for recovering all or any part of the said sum out of the estates of those who were concerned in extorting the same; with this condition, that if any part of the said extorted money shall be saved or be recovered whereby the annualrent of the capitall will not extend to fifty pound sterling for the first year, then and in that case its declared whatever excrescence shall happen to be upon the said fifty pound sterling, the same shall be imputed and ascribed from reducing the capitall sum *pro tanto:* And appoints the whole town to be conveened upon Saturday, the ninteenth instant, to give their consent and approbation for being taxed and stented for the said sum of one thousand pound sterling and annual-rents thereof, in terms of the forsaid agreement, or so much thereof as shall not be recovered in manner above mentioned.

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12 July 1746.

The said day, the magistrats and council forsaid appoints the names of those who were made burghers of the town by the rebells to be delete out of the burgess book, and declare their Burgher Acts to be void and null.

Act for deleting the names of the persons made burgers by the rebels out of the book.

Edom die.

Eodem die.

The said day, the magistrats and council forsaid ratify and approve of the Burgher Acts granted by the late magistrates and the governors of the town appointed by his Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland.

Approving the burger acts of the late government.

24 *March* 1747.

24 March 1747.

The said day, the magistrates and councill . . . considering that there is presently in agitation an union of the Kings and Marischal Colleges of Aberdeen, sett on foot by the principalls, professors, and masters of the tuo colleges; and the councill considering the great interest and concern this town has in the said Marischall College, they are of opinion that previous to settling any articles, that the town do make a point of it to have the seat of the University in this town, otherways to oppose such an union with the utmost vigour.

In the proposed union of the colleges, to provide that the seat of the university be in the town.

25 March 1747.

Reasons for opposing the union, unless it is certain that the seat shall be in Aberdeen.

25 *March* 1747.

In presence of the provost, magistrates, and councill, and a considerable number of the principal inhabitants of this city. . . it was represented to the meeting by the provost that yesterday the town council had met and considered the proposed union of the Kings and Marischall Colleges of Aberdeen, and . . . the magistrates, council, and principall inhabitants of the Royal Burgh of Aberdeen have resolved to oppose any such union of the two colleges unless they are made absolutely certain that the seat shall be in this town for the following reasons, viz.:—

1*mo*. By the . . . resignation made by the town of Aberdeen of the Grayfriars manses and houses, &c., for being the seat of the Marischall College, it is expressly stipulate that the college shall remain there for ever, and it is upon that condition the resignation was made.

2*do*. It would be an innovation of the several deeds of mortification made for the professors of divinity and mathematicks, also of the 33 bursarys, of all which the provost, baillies, and councill are perpetuall patrons, and have the management of the funds appointed for that purpose, and likewise of the funds for the bibliothecar, and this would be contrary to the 6th Act, 1 Par., King Ch. 1st, anent pious donations.

3*tio*. The professor of divinity of the Marischall College always supplys the office of one of the towns ministers, which probably would not be done if there were an union of the colleges, and this would be an evident loss to the town.

4*to*. The Crown has been in use of presenting one of the towns ministers to be principall of the Marischall College, which is a great encouragement for a man of learning to accept the office of ministry in the burgh of Aberdeen.

5*to*. The town of Aberdeen looks upon it as a considerable addition to its lustre and dignity to have an university situate in the heart of the

town where the provost, baillies, and councill had such a great interest and concern, and where the inhabitants children can be taught under the inspection of their parents at a very small expence.

25 March 1747.

9 *April* 1747.

9 April 1747.

Petition to the king for payment of the cannon and small arms sent to Edinburgh by the town, and for damage done to Gordons Hospital.

The said day, a petition from the councill to his Majesty . . . whereof the tenor follows, vizt.:—To the Kings most excellent Majesty, the humble petition of the magistrates and town councill of the city of Aberdeen in North Britain, most humbly sheweth, that upon breaking out of the war with France and Spain, the petitioners furnished and purchased 200 stand of small arms and bayonetts and several piece of cannon for the defence of the harbour against privateers, this town having the most considerable trade of any port in the north of Scotland, that upon the first appearance of the late wicked and unnatural rebellion, the magistrates took all opportunitys of giving intelligence to your Majestys generall and officers of state of the risings and motions of the rebels; that on Sir John Copes coming to this town with your Majesties troops under his command in the month of September 1745, the magistrates proposed to him that they would deliver up their cannon and small arms in order to be depositate in the Castle of Edinburgh to prevent their falling into the rebels hands, and which he judged highly prudent, and accordingly the cannon and small arms, with a quantity of powder and ball to the value of five hundred and fifty pound and upwards, were put on board a ship freighted by the magistrates, and sent along with Sir John and the transports, which prevented their falling into the rebells hands, as infallibly they would on Sir Johns departure, the rebells having then taken possession of the town, and maletreated the magistrates for sending away their arms and ammunition, and disappointing them thereof, to the value of above five hundred and fifty pounds sterling. When his Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland came to Edinburgh in pursuit of the rebels, he judged it necessary for the service and security of the government to

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have a fort in this place, and to put a garrison therein; for which purpose (there being a large hospital and gardens founded for the maintenance and education of poor boys) H. R. H. judged the same the properest place for that service, and the said hospital was, by his order, converted into a fort, and a garrison put therein; and that it might be the more defensible, the garden walls were taken down, and some fortifications erected in the gardens, and many other necessary alterations were made therein, and ever since that time the military have been in possession thereof; that upon making an estimate of the damnages done to the said hospital by converting it into a fort, and the militarys having possession thereof, the same extends to the sum of two hundred and ninety pounds and upwards lawfull money of Great Britain; and as it belongs to a donation for maintenance and education of poor boys, the petitioners have no fund to make it up, so as to render it fitt for the use it was intended. May it therefore please your Majesty . . . to give such relief in the premises as your Majesty shall think fitt. . .

28 Oct. 1747.

Report of a royal warrant for payment thereof.

28 *October* 1747.

The said day, the provost represented to the councill . . . that his Majesty had granted a warrant on the Board of Ordnance to pay the town of Aberdeen the sum of eight hundred and twenty eight pound sterling for the towns cannon and small arms, which were delivered to General Cope, and for the damnage done to Gordons Hospital when in the possession of the kings troops as a fort. . .

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